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# 1983 ANNUAL REPORT

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

The contemporary beauty of the D.C. Courthouse is reflected in this multi-level view of the atrium.

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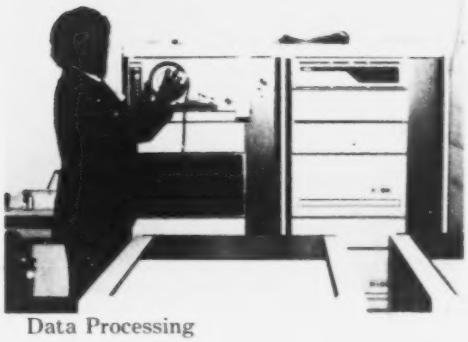

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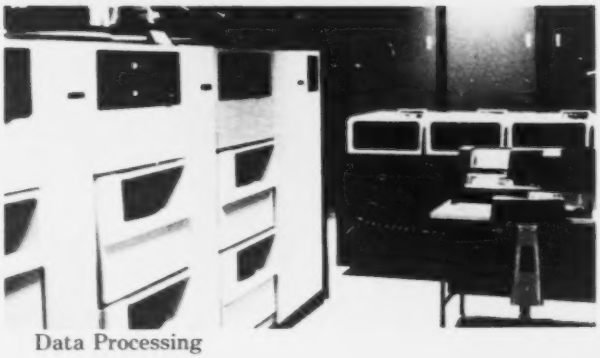

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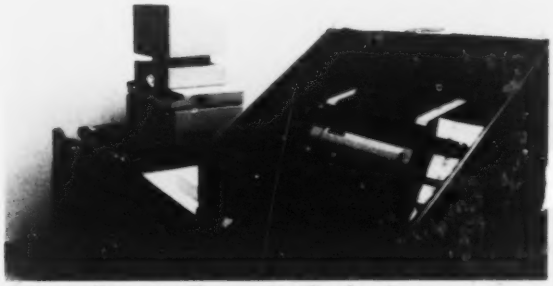

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Larry P. Polansky
Executive Officer

## TO THE
## JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
## IN THE
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

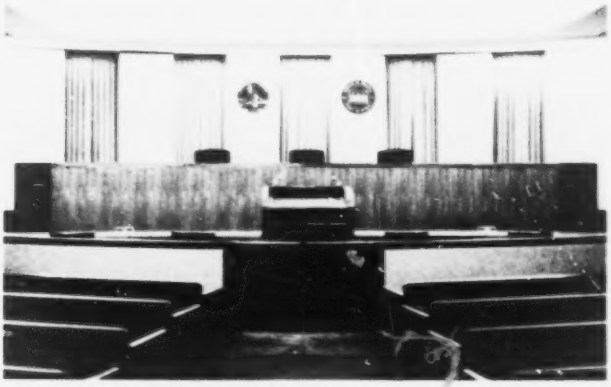
With the reorganization of the District of Columbia Courts in 1971 and the transfer of the majority of operations into the new District of Columbia Courthouse in 1978, a framework was established for the District of Columbia Court System to become a model for the nation. During the five years that I have served the D.C. Courts as the Executive Officer, I have participated in and witnessed many accomplishments, despite fiscal and other resource constraints, toward the realization of that vision.

With optimism and energy the D.C. Courts have not only faced increasing work loads and endless emergency situations, but have undertaken many long-range projects with far-reaching results. These programs include: revised personnel policies and procedures; formal employee training programs; seminars designed for judicial, administrative and managerial education; design and implementation of a Courts' plan; improved budgeting and accounting procedures; regular monthly staff meetings attended by Clerks of Court and Division Heads; publication of an *Annual Report* that meets major criteria set forth by the National Center for State Courts; modernization of data processing applications and facilities; introduction of word processing; implementation of state-of-the-art micrographic systems; acquisition of automated legal research capability; continued development of a Report Production Center for Social Services staff; expansion of the Central Sound Recording Unit; improved security measures; and, establishment of a Public Information Center, with special attention to the needs of Spanish-speaking and physically handicapped persons.

Many projects specifically directed at improved case-flow and management of operations have been successfully initiated: court delay reduction program; weighted case load study; documentation of operating procedures, issuance of manuals; Superior Court Benchbook; automated docketing; criminal case courtroom availability system; civil case file control and management system; designation of administrative judges; appointment of hearing commissioners for criminal matters; civil arbitration program; improved jury management, and initiation of the "One Trial/One Day" experiment.

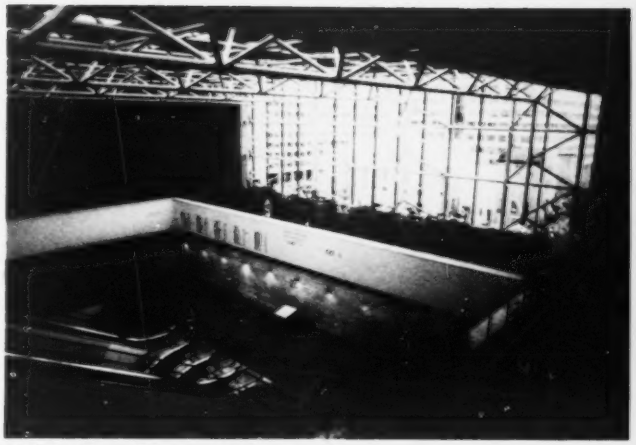
Through the dedicated efforts of the Chief Judges and Associate Judges of both Courts, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, and employees alike, our organization has evolved into the modern, urban court system of the highest quality which the citizens of the District of Columbia desire and deserve. Therefore, it is with considerable pride in the achievements of the past five years, yet mindful of the need for continued progress, that this *1983 Annual Report* is transmitted to the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, under the provisions of D.C. Code §§ 11-1701(c)(2) and 1745(a).

Larry P. Polansky
Executive Officer
District of Columbia Courts



Court of Appeals, Courtroom

Main Courthouse



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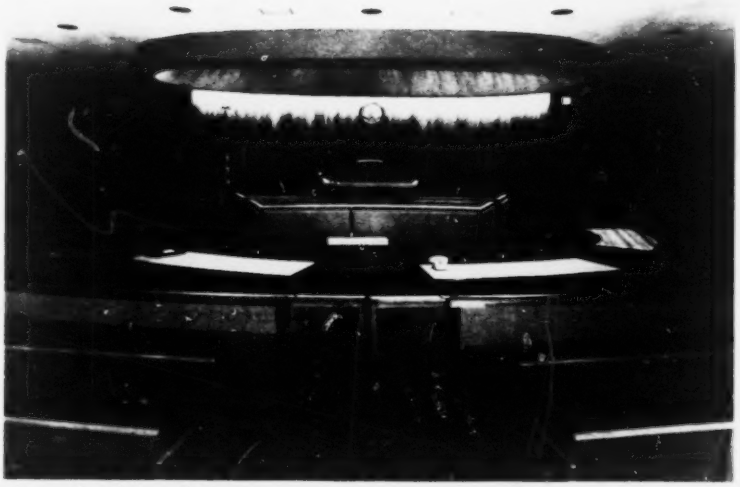

Superior Court, Courtroom

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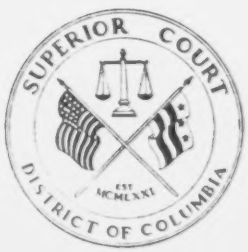
# COURT SYSTEM



## JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Chairman**
Chief Judge Theodore R. Newman, Jr.
District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Chief Judge H. Carl Moultrie I
Superior Court of the
District of Columbia

Judge John M. Ferren
District of Columbia
Court of Appeals

Judge George Herbert Goodrich
Superior Court of the
District of Columbia

Judge Carlisle E. Pratt
Superior Court of the
District of Columbia

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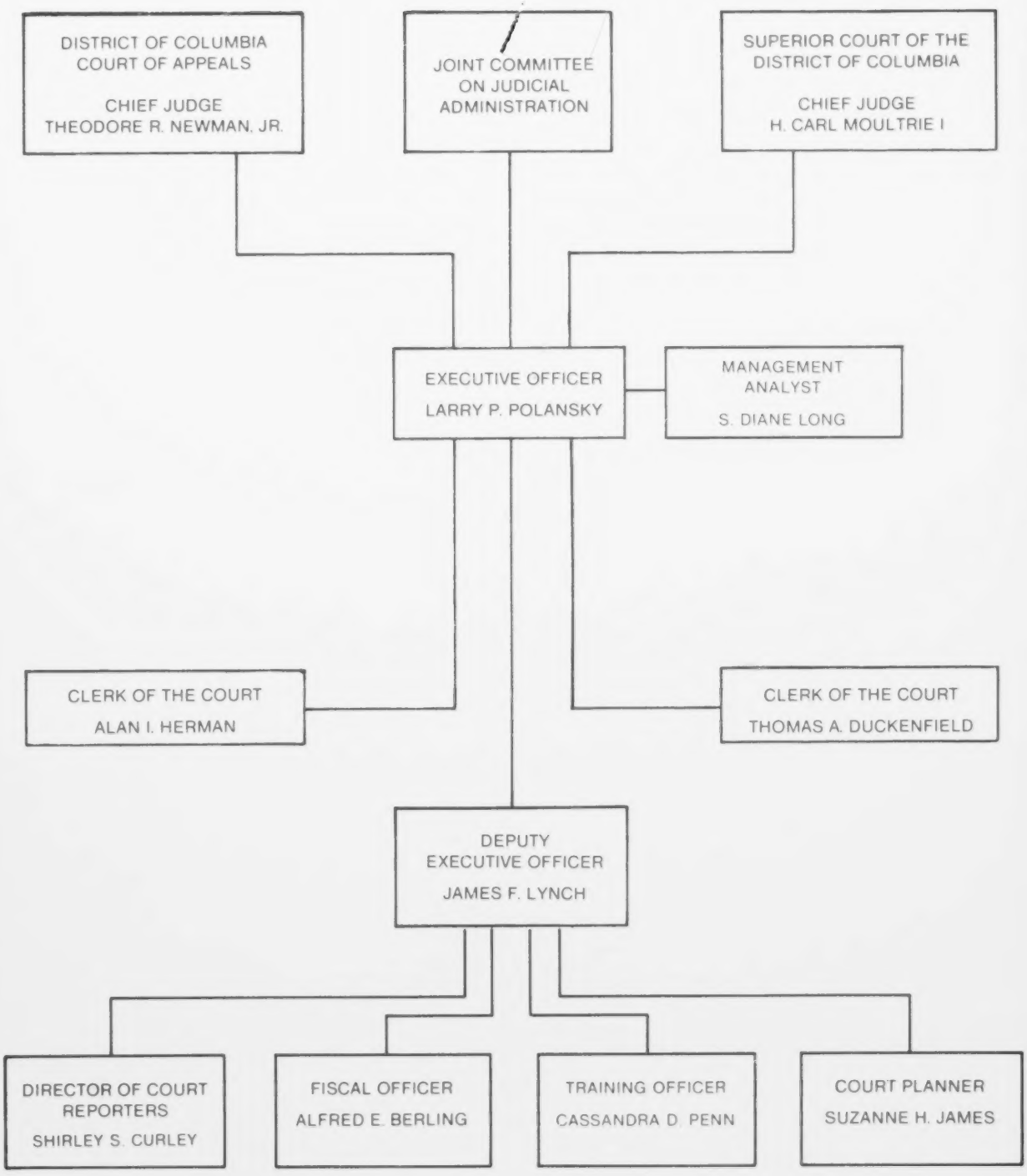
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS
# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
CHIEF JUDGE THEODORE R. NEWMAN, JR.
JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CHIEF JUDGE H. CARL MOULTRIE I
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LARRY P. POLANSKY
MANAGEMENT ANALYST S. DIANE LONG
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COURT PLANNER SUZANNE H. JAMES

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
# COURTS
# ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

The District of Columbia Courts, consisting of the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court, constitute the Judicial Branch of the District Government and are separate and distinct from the Executive and Legislative Branches.

The organization and operation of the District of Columbia Courts, a completely unified court system, are described in detail in the "District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970." The purview of the respective courts, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and the Executive Officer, may be summarized as follows.

Under statute, responsibility for the administrative activity of the District of Columbia Court System is vested in the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration which consists of: Chief Judge, Court of Appeals (Chairman); Chief Judge, Superior Court; one Associate Judge, Court of Appeals; two Associate Judges, Superior Court; and, the Executive Officer.

The Executive Officer administratively manages the District of Columbia Court System, as authorized by the "District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970," and in accordance with the policies of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and the respective Chief Judges in their particular courts.

The highest court of the District of Columbia is the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and final judgments and decrees of the D.C. Court of Appeals are reviewable by the Supreme Court of the United States in accordance with Section 1257 of Title 28, United States Code.

As the equivalent of a state supreme court, the responsibilities of the D.C. Court of Appeals include:

Review and approval of proposed Superior Court Rules which would modify either the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Review of all appeals from the Superior Court.

Review of orders of District of Columbia administrative agencies.

Management of admissions and grievances associated with membership in the District of Columbia Bar.

Establishment of the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

In addition, the Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals serves as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and the Judicial Planning Committee.

The Superior Court is the court of general jurisdiction over virtually all local legal matters and is the only fully-unified tribunal in the country, both in terms of jurisdiction and with respect to designating a single class of judges at the trial level. That is, this Court consists of divisions which provide for all local litigation functions—criminal, civil, juvenile, domestic relations, probate, tax, landlord and tenant, traffic and other functions which are, in other jurisdictions, spread among several courts operating on municipal, county and state levels. Judges of the Court rotate on a scheduled basis among five statutory divisions as follows:

*Civil Division:* Jurisdiction over any civil action or other matter, at law or in equity, brought in the District of Columbia, regardless of the amount in controversy, rests with the Superior Court.

*Criminal Division:* The Criminal Division is responsible for processing persons charged with crimes in the District of Columbia.

*Family Division:* The Family Division of the Superior Court embraces the jurisdiction exercised by the former Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia and the Domestic Relations Branch of the former D.C. Court of General Sessions.

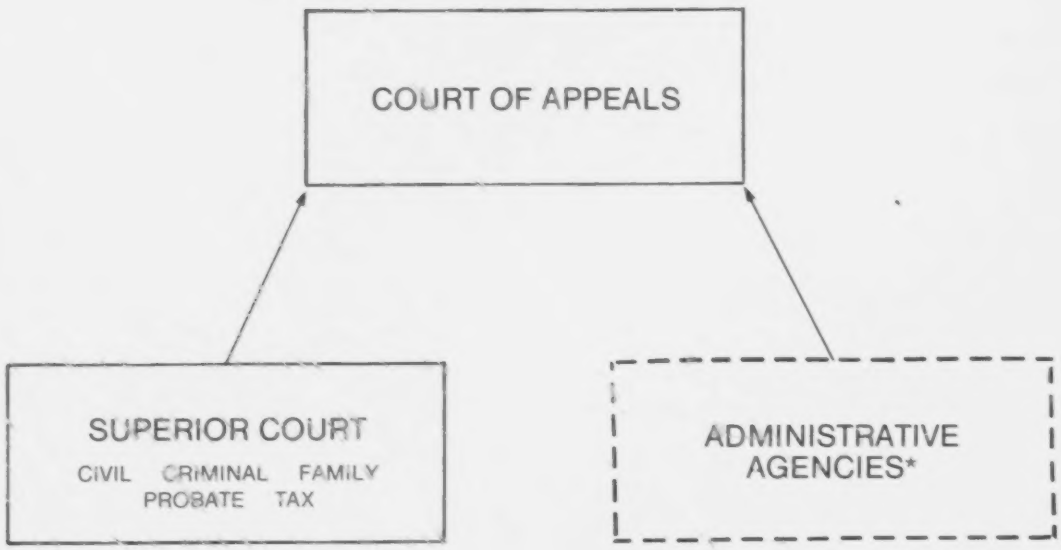
*Probate Division:* The Office of Register of Wills supervises and controls the administration of all decedents' estates in the District of Columbia, as well as guardianship estates of all minor children in the District of Columbia.

*Tax Division:* All tax cases (both civil and criminal) brought by or against the District of Columbia are filed in the Tax Division of the Superior Court.

The *Social Services Division* provides the Superior Court with social and rehabilitative services required for its clients. It is also responsible for providing social information and recommendations to assist the Court in making individualized decisions in all phases of the adjudicative process.

The *Marriage Bureau* processes marriage license applications, issues marriage licenses and ministers' licenses. In addition, this office collects the fees applicable to marriage license applications.

## ROUTE OF APPEALS




*Also, certain "contested cases" arising from decisions of the Office of the Mayor and the D.C. Council.

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS
# FINANCIAL DATA

The budget for the District of Columbia Courts is submitted by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration through the Mayor and the City Council to the President and to the United States Congress. While the Mayor and the Council are authorized to provide comments and recommendations on the proposed budget, they are statutorily prohibited from changing the Joint Committee's appropriation request. The President and Congress determine the final budget level and composition.

## TABLE 1
## BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

| | FY 1983 | | FY 1984 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Authorized Positions | Actual Obligations | Authorized Positions | Appropriations |
| Court of Appeals | 73 | $ 2,809,800 | 73 | $ 3,014,000 |
| Superior Court | 916 | 31,413,700 | 924 | 33,380,000 |
| Court System | 66 | 8,562,500 | 66 | 7,978,000 |
| Total | 1,055 | $42,786,000 | 1,063 | $44,372,000 |

## EXHIBIT I: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPERATING BUDGET FY 1984*

GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTION & SUPPORT
$245 million
12%

HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES
$482 million
23%

PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM
$479 million
23%

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE
$487 million
24%

OTHER
$362 million
18%

TOTAL APPROPRIATION = $2,055,311,000

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS =
$47 million
2%

*Source: Volume II District of Columbia FY 1985 Supporting Schedules.

Although the District's Public Safety and Justice Program, in which the Courts are included, receives 23% of the City's total operating budget, the Courts receive a mere 2% of the City's total operating budget.

## TABLE 2
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS CASH REVENUE*

| | 1982 | 1983 |
|---|---|---|
| **Court of Appeals Fees** | $ 290,783 | $ 372,016 |
| **Superior Court Fees** | | |
| Civil Division | | |
| Civil Actions | $1,000,359 | $1,148,085 |
| Small Claims | 151,364 | 150,256 |
| Landlord and Tenant | 1,008,819 | 1,115,175 |
| Family Division | 142,088 | 185,223 |
| Tax Division | 2,508 | 6,408 |
| Probate Division | 693,378 | 678,269 |
| Marriage Bureau | 94,798 | 113,445 |
| Total Fees | $3,093,314 | $3,396,861 |
| **Superior Court Fines and Forfeitures** | | |
| Criminal Division | | |
| District of Columbia Offenses | $ 317,073 | $ 312,003 |
| United States Offenses | 189,417 | 335,577 |
| Traffic | 548,091 | 574,821 |
| Total Fines and Forfeitures | $1,054,581 | $1,222,401 |
| **Superior Court—Other Revenues, Interest and Unclaimed Deposits** | $ 519,880 | $ 344,921 |
| **Court System** | | |
| Court Reporter Transcript Fees | $ 6,082 | $ 12,583 |
| **Total Revenue to the D.C. General Fund** | $4,964,640 | $5,348,782 |

*All revenues collected by the Courts, monies for services, fees and forfeitures, are transmitted and deposited directly to the District's General Fund.

## TABLE 3
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

| | 1982 | | 1983 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Receipts | Disbursements | Receipts | Disbursements |
| **Court of Appeals** | $ 290,783 | $ 290,783 | $ 372,016 | $ 372,016 |
| **Superior Court** | | | | |
| Criminal Division | | | | |
| Fines and Forfeitures | $ 1,550,225 | $ 1,054,581 | $ 2,042,013 | $ 1,222,401 |
| Refunds and Transfers | — | 355,472 | — | 379,698 |
| Total | 1,550,225 | 1,410,053 | 2,042,013 | 1,602,099 |
| Civil Division | | | | |
| Fees | 2,160,542 | 2,160,542 | 2,413,516 | 2,413,516 |
| Escrow | 3,396,407 | 3,088,963 | 3,050,821 | 3,352,271 |
| Total | 5,556,949 | 5,249,505 | 5,464,337 | 5,765,787 |
| Family Division | | | | |
| Fees | 142,088 | 142,088 | 185,223 | 185,223 |
| Escrow | 10,729,137 | 10,744,090 | 11,839,491 | 11,829,085 |
| Total | 10,871,225 | 10,886,178 | 12,024,714 | 12,014,308 |
| Tax Division--Fees | 2,508 | 2,508 | 6,408 | 6,408 |
| Probate Division | | | | |
| Fees | 693,378 | 693,378 | 678,269 | 678,269 |
| Escrow | 166,411 | 166,411 | 447,580 | 447,580 |
| Total | 859,789 | 859,789 | 1,125,849 | 1,125,849 |
| Marriage Bureau—Fees | 94,798 | 94,798 | 113,445 | 113,445 |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Interest Earned | 302,446 | 302,446 | 176,993 | 176,993 |
| Unclaimed Deposits (exceeding two years) | — | 217,434 | — | 124,632 |
| Total | 302,446 | 519,880 | 176,993 | 301,625 |
| Total Superior Court | $19,237,940 | $19,022,711 | $20,953,759 | $20,929,521 |
| **Court System** | | | | |
| Court Reporter Division—Transcripts | $ 6,082 | $ 6,082 | $ 12,583 | $ 12,583 |
| **Grand Total—District of Columbia Courts** | $19,534,805 | $19,319,576 | $21,338,358 | $21,314,120 |

# EXHIBIT II

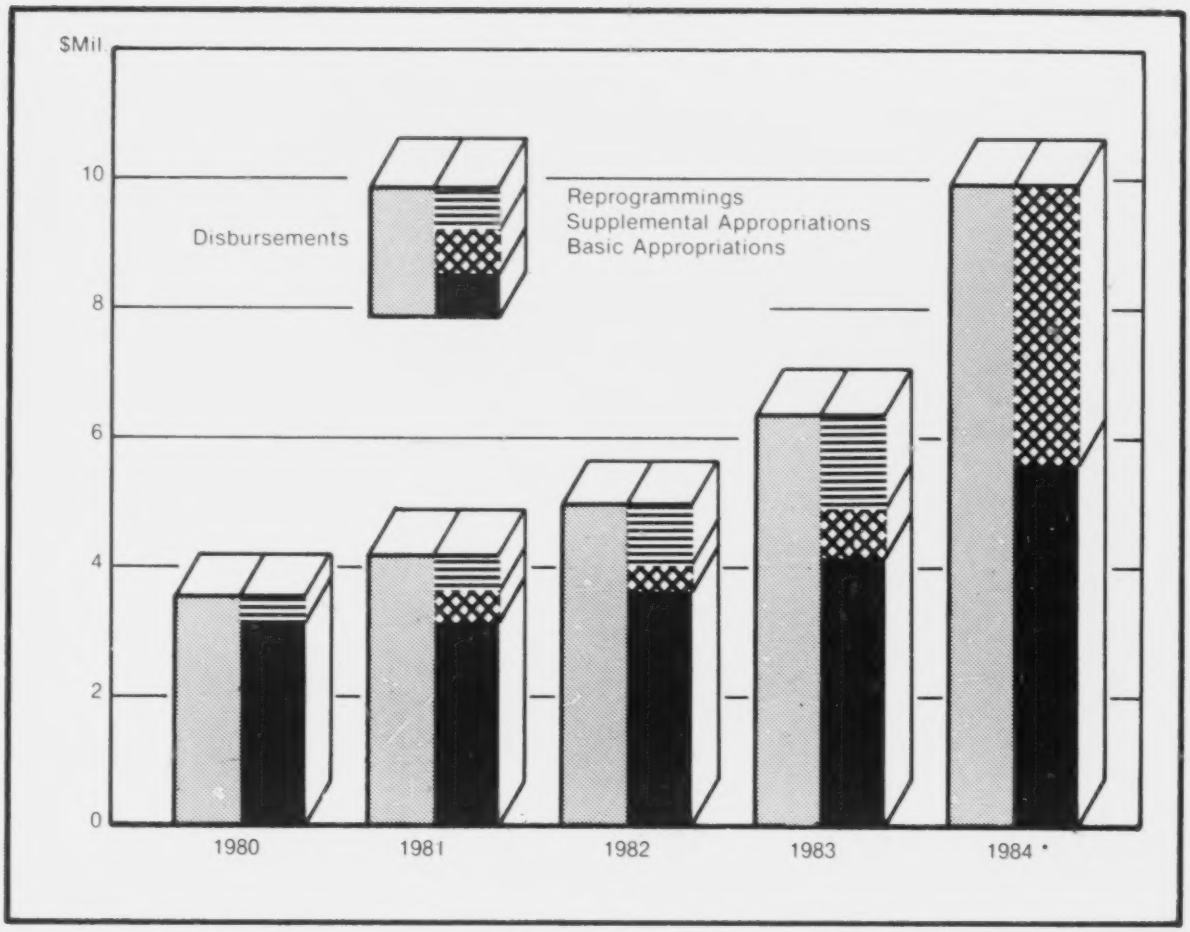
## COMPARISON OF CJA DISBURSEMENTS AND FUNDING BY SOURCE, FY 1980 - 1984

Under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) of 1974, the Courts are required to finance legal representation for adult indigents in criminal cases and for all indigent juveniles charged as delinquent or in need of supervision. Although the Public Defender Service provides some indigent services, the bulk of the appointments are to private attorneys serving under the CJA program. Expenses that must be covered, in addition to legal representation, include investigations, acquisition of transcripts, expert and other services necessary for an adequate defense.

Exhibit II reflects Criminal Justice Act appropriations and payments for Fiscal Years 1980 through 1984, including projections for reprogrammed monies and disbursements anticipated by the close of FY 1984. It seems clear that a pattern has been established whereby expenditure demands exceed funds originally appropriated, requiring that, each year, measures be taken to obtain supplemental and reprogrammed funding. The ever-mounting cost of operating the CJA program is dramatically illustrated in the accompanying graphic display.

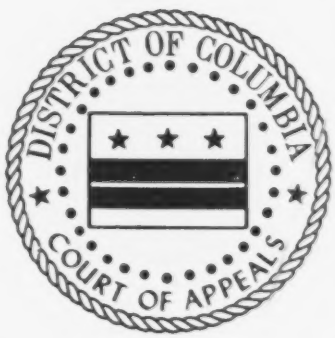
| | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 3,565,200 | 4,188,500 | 4,980,000 | **6,354,600** | 9,920,000* |
| TOTAL FUNDING BY SOURCE | 3,565,200 | 4,188,500 | 4,980,000 | **6,354,600** | 9,920,000 |
| Basic Appropriations | 3,192,400 | 3,142,600 | 3,641,100 | **4,150,300** | 5,614,000 |
| Supplemental Appropriations | — | 521,800 | 458,500 | **749,700** | 4,306,000* |
| Reprogrammings | 372,800 | 524,100 | 880,400 | **1,454,600** | — |

* Projected amount




* Projected amount for supplemental appropriations and disbursements.

# COURT OF APPEALS



# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

*Chief Judge*

Theodore R. Newman, Jr.

*Associate Judges*

Catherine B. Kelly[1]
John W. Kern III
Frank Q. Nebeker
Julia Cooper Mack
John M. Ferren
William C. Pryor
James A. Belson
John A. Terry
Judith W. Rogers

*Retired Judges*

Hubert B. Pair
Gerard D. Reilly
J. Walter Yeagley
George R. Gallagher

*Clerk of the Court*

Alan I. Herman

[1]Retired: March 31, 1983

# JUDGES
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

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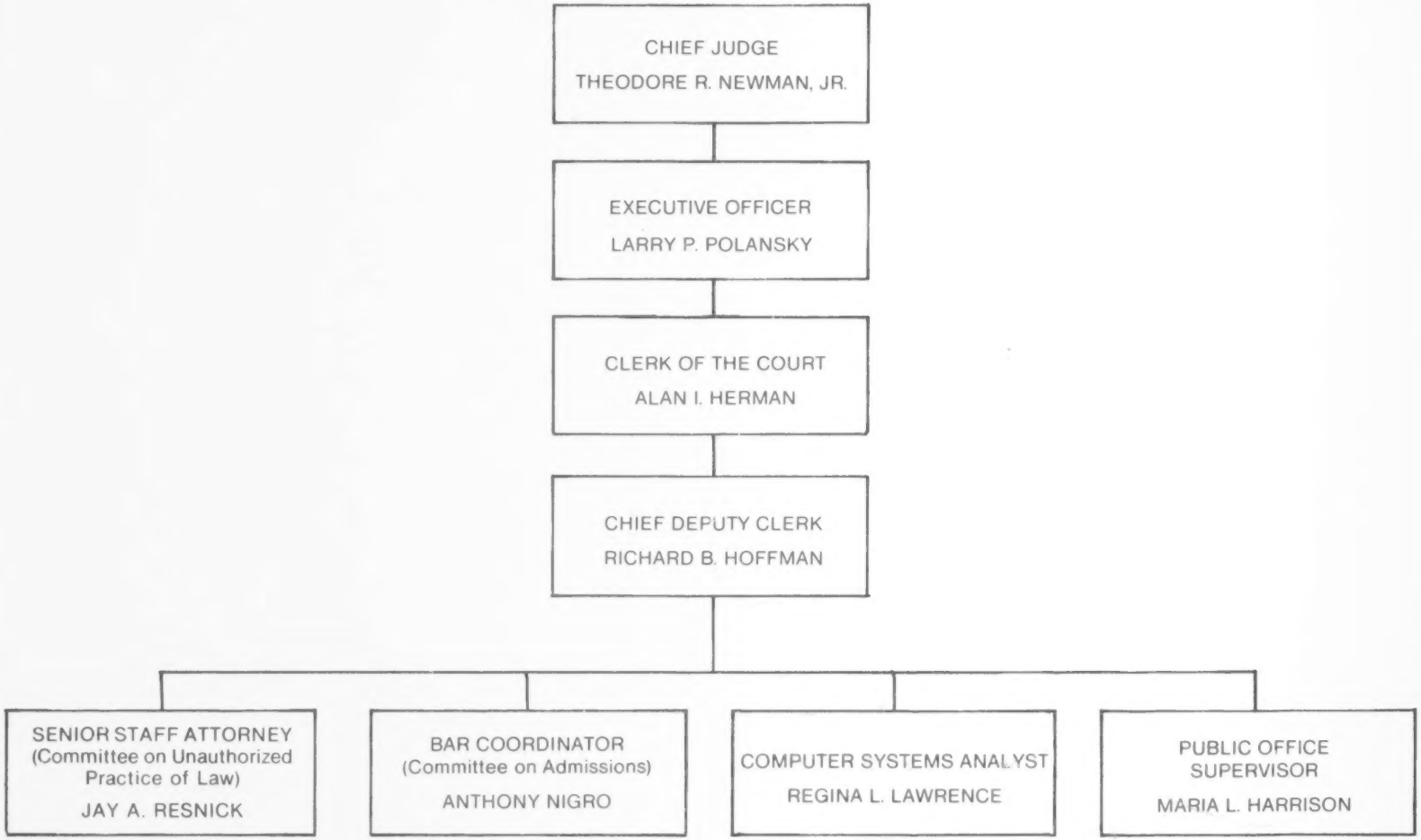
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



# REPORT OF
# THEODORE R. NEWMAN, JR., CHIEF JUDGE
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

Once again, the Court of Appeals is pleased to report that a record number of appeals was decided in 1983; and, for the first time since 1979, more appeals were decided than were filed (but just barely). Another salutory note is that the average time from filing to decision decreased from 544 days to 487 days. A major portion of this reduction took place in time from argument or submission to decision (essentially, "judge time"), which decreased from an average of 110 to 82 days, the shortest time in the last ten years. Pending cases, however, remained at an intolerable level of almost 1,800 cases—far more than can be decided in a year with present judicial staffing. Although our expectations that workers' compensation cases would increase our case load significantly last year were not fulfilled, we fully anticipate that this will occur in 1984. Additional significant increases in appeals are expected soon after seven new judges are appointed for the Superior Court, some time in the spring or summer of 1984.

Although it may seem trite to repeat my annual exhortation, the only permanent solution to the undue length of appeals and heavy pending case load is an intermediate appellate court for the District of Columbia. Such a court would relieve the Court of Appeals of many of the less significant cases which now come to us, yet would provide a necessary appeal to those litigants who require a second forum. The Court of Appeals could then select the most significant cases with issues of high impact and importance to the community, the government, and the bar. Since such an intermediate court of appeals is inevitable for the District, it would be only rational to create it at a time when it could have an impact on the appellate process, rather than when both courts would be so inundated that its effectiveness would be impaired.

The Court of Appeals continues to employ modern management techniques throughout the appellate process to maintain high quality opinions while expediting appeals. Settlement conferences for selected civil cases, the summary calendar, three-judge panels, and prompt consideration of motions serve this goal well. However, the District of Columbia, of necessity, is still the only jurisdiction among all states which employs the three-judge panel in its highest appellate court. I maintain, and I am supported in this by a significant proportion of the bar, that the important issues which come before this Court deserve the attention of the full Court; this will be possible only when an intermediate court of appeals is created.

Judge Catherine B. Kelly, our most senior judge, having served since 1967 on our Court and for ten years before that on the Superior Court bench, retired March 31, 1983. She continued to serve as a retired judge until the appointment of her successor, when she entered the active practice of law. Her wisdom, experience, and good humor will long be missed by both judges and staff. We welcome Judith W. Rogers, formerly Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, who commenced her duties as a judge in September and who should provide the Court with a variety and depth of experience in the years to come.

The Clerk's staff continues to gain experience with the upgraded computer equipment and software while burdened with heavy filings, motions, and dispositions. Commencing January 1, 1984, all new case dockets are to be found exclusively in the computer system. Ultimately, all paper dockets will be eliminated, saving valuable work hours and making far more information available faster for the judges, management, and the public. Motions law clerks and interns, under the tutelage of the Chief Deputy Clerk and Senior Staff Attorney, have coped well with the rising motions work load, helping to improve time on appeal. The introduction of computerized research equipment for the library has vastly improved research capabilities for the judges and legal staff.

The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Admissions underwent some reorganization to improve efficiency in processing applications for and administration of the bar examination and to process motions for admission. The latter have risen substantially recently as a result of changes in admissions rules. The Committee on Unauthorized Practice has been quite active during the past year, and a higher level of activity is anticipated in the coming year.

At the Eighth Annual Judicial Conference, held in June, emphasis was placed upon alternatives to litigation as an effort to speed resolution of disputes while providing satisfactory results to all parties. In other segments of the Conference, jury selection, interest on lawyers' trust accounts, and psychiatrists as witnesses were thoroughly examined. Attendance at the plenary sessions and workshops and the enthusiastic interest of the audiences once again con-

firm my belief that the annual Conference is one of the finest media for providing continuing education and constructive change available to the bench and bar of the District of Columbia.

The Court of Appeals is frequently visited by judges, administrators, and lawyers from the various states and other nations. As the highest court for the nation's capital, we are looked upon as innovative and a model of judicial and administrative techniques. Experienced judges and staff continue to grow, while an infusion of fresh ideas is provided by our newly appointed judges and members of the Clerk's staff. Our Court, blessed with its location and talent, working together with the city government, Congress, and the community is in a unique position to provide an example to be followed by other courts of the nation.

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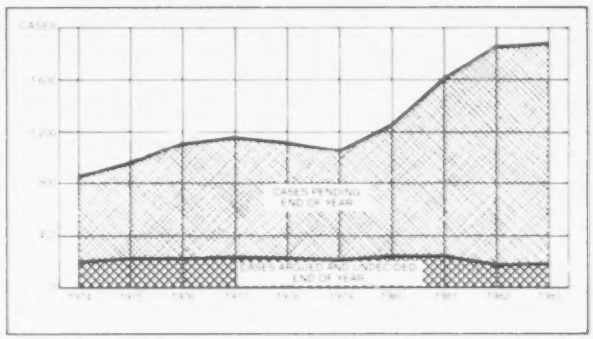

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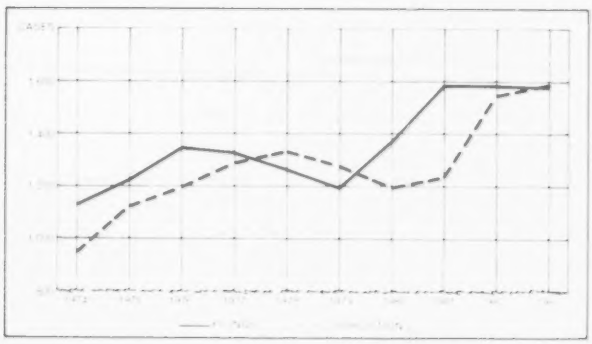

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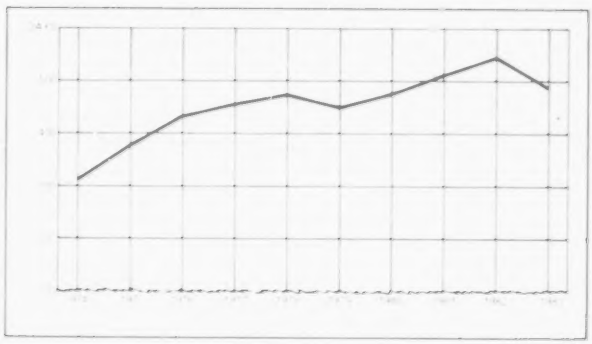

## COURT OF APPEALS
## CLERK OF THE COURT

The Clerk's Office of the Court of Appeals is charged with carrying out all administrative functions of the Court. Responsibilities include maintaining and monitoring the docket; calendaring; processing motions; publishing and distributing opinions, judgments, and orders; arranging settlement conferences; and providing legal and administrative support to judges on contested and substantive motions. Support for the Committee on Admissions, including the administration and grading of the bar examination, the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law, and the Board on Professional Responsibility is also provided by the Clerk's staff. The Clerk acts as secretary to the annual Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia Courts.

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# COURT OF APPEALS
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## TABLE 4
## FILINGS BY CATEGORY AND RATIO TO DISPOSITIONS

| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Criminal | 706 | 826 | 684 | 666 | 574 | 719 | 771 | 690 | 720 |
| Civil | 380 | 346 | 473 | 375 | 419 | 434 | 537 | 598 | 534 |
| Agency | 135 | 170 | 170 | 152 | 124 | 134 | 204 | 191 | 207 |
| Special Proceedings | n/a | n/a | n/a | 76 | 79 | 82 | 73 | 106 | 75 |
| Disciplinary | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 35 |
| Rehearings Granted | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 9 |
| Total Filings | 1,221 | 1,342 | 1,327 | 1,269 | 1,196 | 1,369 | 1,585 | 1,585 | 1,580 |
| Total Dispositions | 1,120 | 1,197 | 1,288 | 1,331 | 1,278 | 1,194 | 1,235 | 1,546 | 1,587 |
| Ratio Dispositions/ Filings (%) | 91.7 | 89.2 | 97.1 | 104.9 | 106.9 | 87.2 | 77.9 | 97.5 | 100.4 |
| Applications for Allowance of Appeal | 76 | 108 | 95 | 113 | 127 | 66 | 81 | 131 | 106 |

## TABLE 5
## COMPARISON OF CRIMINAL APPEALS WITH SUPERIOR COURT DISPOSITIONS*

| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Criminal Appeals | 706 | 826 | 684 | 666 | 574 | 719 | 771 | 690 | 720 |
| Dispositions | 17,096 | 19,264 | 16,754 | 17,586 | 17,050 | 22,647 | 22,154 | 23,616 | 24,575 |
| Ratio of Appeals Filed per 100 Dispositions | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 |

*Only felony and misdemeanor dispositions are included.

## TABLE 6
## DISPOSITIONS BY METHOD

| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Opinion | 247 | 307 | 279 | 352 | 319 | 240 | 224 | 305 | 298 |
| By Judgment | 494 | 373 | 474 | 440 | 400 | 431 | 447 | 576 | 577 |
| By Order | 379 | 517 | 535 | 539 | 559 | 523 | 564 | 665 | 712 |
| Total | 1,120 | 1,197 | 1,288 | 1,331 | 1,278 | 1,194 | 1,235 | 1,546 | 1,587 |

## TABLE 7
## MOTIONS

| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | **1983** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Procedural Motions | 3,583 | 3,935 | 4,691 | 4,863 | 4,757 | 3,922 | 4,607 | 4,225 | **4,635** |
| Substantive Motions | 1,321 | 1,737 | 1,609 | 1,388 | 1,303 | 1,343 | 1,433 | 1,465 | **1,527** |

## TABLE 8
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TIME ON APPEAL[a]

| | Number of Days | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | **1983** |
| Overall Time on Appeal | 379 | 432 | 456 | 472 | 449 | 474 | 508 | 544 | **487** |
| **Stages of Appeal** | | | | | | | | | |
| Time from Notice of Appeal to Filing of Record | 66 | 85 | 105 | 128 | 127 | 137 | 149 | 170 | **175** |
| Time from Filing of Record to Completed Briefing | 136 | 133 | 137 | 150 | 142 | 151 | 166 | 161 | **156** |
| Time from Completed Briefing to Argument or Submission | 92 | 107 | 108 | 99 | 94 | 101 | 102 | 112 | **92** |
| Time from Argument or Submission to Decision | 143 | 124 | 123 | 114 | 112 | 105 | 114 | 110 | **82** |

[a] Only those cases which reach a particular stage of appeal are used to calculate the average time in that stage. All cases are included in the overall time on appeal. Therefore, the sum of the intermediate stages will not equal the overall time. Dispositions by order are not included in these statistics.

## TABLE 9
## BAR ADMISSIONS

| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Applications for Admission to Bar by Examination | | | | | | | | | |
| Number Filed | 1,072 | 1,094 | 1,134 | 1,925 | 2,623 | 3,063 | 3,468 | 3,220 | 2,907 |
| Number of Applications Withdrawn | 47 | 53 | 55 | 73 | 221 | 368 | 441 | 306 | 322 |
| Number of Applications Rejected | 13 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| Number of Unsuccessful Applicants | 347 | 394 | 378 | 566 | 922 | 986 | 1,268 | 1,287 | 899 |
| Number of Successful Applicants | 656 | 636 | 692 | 1,279 | 1,468 | 1,702 | 1,749 | 1,464 | 1,386 |
| Number of Applicants Admitted | 1,097 | 662 | 714 | 1,226 | 1,506 | 1,727 | 1,812 | 1,548 | 1,774 |
| Applications for Admission to Bar by Motion | | | | | | | | | |
| Number Filed | 1,496 | 1,319 | 2,552 | 5,117 | 359 | 433 | 523 | 465 | 383 |
| Number of Applicants Admitted | 1,162 | 1,467 | 1,478 | 1,923 | 2,396 | 2,038 | 992 | 443 | 408 |
| Number of Applicants Rejected | 31 | 56 | 67 | 130 | 37 | 35 | 76 | 61 | 15 |
| Certificates of Good Standing | 1,752 | 1,693 | 1,860 | 1,953 | 2,336 | 3,887 | 3,254 | 3,031 | 3,536 |
| Certification for Law Student in Court Program | n/a | 390 | 335 | 369 | 362 | 405 | 393 | 358 | 301 |

## TABLE 10
## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Disbarments | 6 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 6 |
| Suspensions | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 17 |
| Public Censure | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Petitions for Reinstatement | 4 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | 1 |
| Petitions by Bar Counsel of Disciplinary Board to Conduct Formal Hearing | 20 | 8 | 6 | 25 | 26 | 37 | 46 | 61 | 42 |
| Miscellaneous Petitions | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 |

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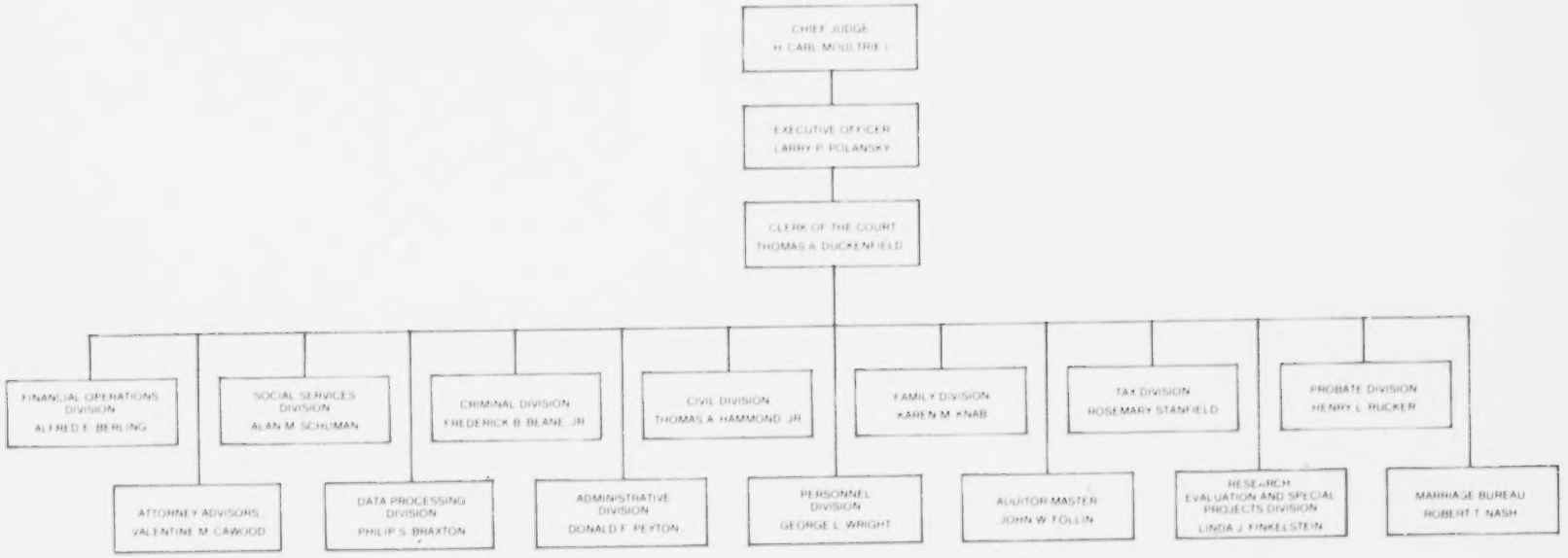


# REPORT OF
# H. CARL MOULTRIE I, CHIEF JUDGE
# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

It has been a distinct privilege and honor to serve the Washington, D.C. community as Chief Judge of the Superior Court for over five years. In that time, the Court has initiated a number of program and management reforms which have improved operational efficiency and increased citizen access to the Court. The District of Columbia has become a leader in implementing settlement, diversion and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and in using hearing commissioners to preside in specified types of Court proceedings. The Court has implemented other reforms such as the use of individual calendars and updated technology, broader use of senior judges, and improved management systems which have helped to streamline operations.

These and other reforms have enabled the Court to resolve increasingly large numbers of cases both outside the traditional judicial process and within it. Nonetheless, the overall number of pending cases has continued to grow. The Court in the past few years has experienced significant case load increases in felonies and misdemeanors, in complex civil actions and in contested domestic relations cases which involve child custody and support.

The reasons for the growing case load are clear. More and more cases are being filed, litigation is becoming increasingly complex and demanding, and new legislative mandates are increasing Court and courtroom responsibilities.

With no new judicial resources over the past few years, the time between filing and disposition of cases has been increasing. Five years ago, we set case processing goals for the Court which, if met, would have lessened the number of days between filing and disposition. However, as each year passed, not only did we fail to meet these goals, but we typically moved further from reaching them.

Some time ago, it became clear that additional judges were needed in the Superior Court if the Court was to support adequately its complex and rapidly expanding case load. The dispensation of fair and speedy justice demanded increased judicial resources.

Fortunately, at the beginning of the 1984 budget, Congress authorized the appointment of seven additional Superior Court judges, which had originally been proposed as a stopgap measure. Greater judicial strength, along with the reforms we have already initiated and those we plan to implement, will help the Court fulfill its mandate and give the citizens of the District of Columbia the first-rate judicial system they demand and deserve.

Many programs initiated by the Court in 1983 were stimulated by the desire to improve services to District citizens and to ensure fairness and equity. For example, the Board of Judges supported the development of felony sentencing guidelines to reduce unwarranted sentencing disparities and to provide for the equitable treatment of offenders. A Sentencing Guidelines Commission comprised of judges, legislators, criminal justice officials and citizens has been appointed. The Commission will develop felony guidelines for use by the Superior Court judges.

An experimental One Trial/One Day Program was initiated, in part to make participation in the jury process available to greater numbers of District citizens and to make Superior Court juries more representative of the District of Columbia citizenry. The cost, efficiency and community acceptance of the One Trial/One Day juror term are being evaluated, and broad jury service reforms could be implemented if the system proves beneficial.

In 1983, the Family Division developed a Child Support Enforcement Program to assist custodial parents not receiving court-ordered child support payments. Under the program, every *pendente lite* or final order signed by a judge on or after January 1, 1984 is monitored for compliance. Noncompliance automatically results in wage assignments, writs of attachment and/or possible contempt of court. As a result, custodial parents no longer are required to initiate legal action, which could prove costly and time-consuming, to obtain enforcement of their support orders.

Major efforts were made this year to stimulate interest in the Court's Voluntary Civil Arbitration Program to give citizens a strong and viable alternative to the traditional adjudicative process for most civil disputes. A brochure on how to use arbitration was written in English and Spanish, through the courtesy of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, and is being distributed throughout the community. Training sessions have been held for over 100 at-

torneys interested in serving as arbitrators. And attorneys were encouraged to advise their clients to use arbitration to resolve civil disputes.

An informational pamphlet on the Small Claims Court was published to assist the general public. The pamphlet describes procedures for filing a suit in Small Claims Court as well as for responding to such a suit. The Court has also produced a nine-minute film on Small Claims procedures which interested parties can view on a television monitor in the Small Claims area of the Courthouse. Judge Peter Wolf and his staff are to be thanked for this production.

Other pamphlets are being prepared to help citizens better use and understand Court processes and procedures. A pamphlet is being written on the Landlord-Tenant Court and procedures in the Civil Clerk's office. Brochures are also being developed on the collection and payment of child support. Finally, a pamphlet is being printed which will assist victims of intrafamily violence who choose to file civil protection orders *pro se*.

This year, the Social Services Division's Traffic Alcohol Program (TAP) assumed increasing responsibility for providing evaluative and supervision services to convicted traffic offenders with drinking problems. As arrests of drunken drivers started to increase, TAP began evaluating defendants immediately after conviction and providing a full complement of probationary services.

A Community Services Program for juveniles was started this year which serves less serious offenders, age 14 or older, who are recommended for probation. With the initiation of this program, judges may impose community service for some juvenile offenders either as one of the several conditions of probation or as the sole condition.

Throughout the year, the Court and the bar worked to encourage increasing numbers of attorneys to offer their services to citizens unable to afford legal assistance. Specifically, the Court and the bar recruited attorneys to represent children and parents in neglect proceedings, and the Court trained 50 lawyers to handle these cases. Additionally, the District of Columbia Bar Association assisted the Court by encouraging lawyers to represent inmates of District of Columbia penal institutions through the Court's Inmate Civil Assistance Project.

Management reforms were made throughout the Court in 1983. Staff training opportunities were expanded, and Court employees were offered a new series of courses in the spring and fall. Some of the new offerings included a data processing course, a course in English grammar and composition, and a training program for courtroom clerks. Ms. Cassandra Penn has been employed as the Training Officer by the Court System, and upon completion of a comprehensive training needs assessment, a formal staff development program will be offered to court employees with a curriculum tailored to the specific needs of the court staff.

The assignments of hearing commissioners in the Criminal Division were expanded in 1983. Commissioners are now assigned to statutory courts—Arraignment, Preliminary Hearing and Traffic Calendar Control—and conduct presentments, arraignments, preliminary hearings and non-jury trials. Commissioners also accept guilty pleas in certain cases. The increased use of hearing commissioners has freed judges to preside over more serious criminal matters. Because of the success of this effort, the Court is continuing its efforts to persuade Congress to make this a permanent Superior Court program.

A Courtroom Availability System was established this year to maximize the use of available courtrooms and thereby minimize unnecessary case delays. Courtroom use and availability are centrally coordinated by a staff member who is advised each time a courtroom is not in use.

A new and modern data processing facility became operational in the fall and is designed to house sophisticated hardware and accompanying software. Much of the needed hardware has been installed to permit the continued development of the Court's major information processing systems. Hardware efficiency and staff productivity have been enhanced by the use of applications software. Selected software packages, such as a disk management system, a report generator, and on-line map (CRT screen) generator, have been introduced. The Court will continue to emphasize data base management system concepts, modular system design and application generator software as we seek to bring data base applications on-line and phase out the old batch systems.

The Civil Division's case file management and control system proved to be a great success this year. The system tracks the movement and location of case files as they travel from the Civil File Room to the various offices throughout the Courthouse.

Micrographic applications continue to improve Court recordkeeping. The roll film/film jacket microfilming equipment, intended as a core for a

centralized micrographics center, is operating as a pilot system in the Family Division and is effectively converting domestic relations case files to microform. An updatable microfiche system has been installed in the Probate Division where procedures have been developed for placing wills on more space-efficient microform media. The updatable microfiche system successfully utilized for docketing purposes in the Civil Division has been expanded to keep pace with heavy work load demands.

Additional recording equipment was added to the Court's Central Recording Unit, perhaps the most advanced electronic recording system of its kind. Forty-three courtrooms and five hearing rooms are now linked to a central control site.

One of the Superior Court's operations, the Report Production Center of the Social Services Division, was nationally recognized in 1983 by the National Center for State Courts. The Center was awarded first place in the annual Paul C. Reardon Awards competition. The Report Production Center applies simple, readily available and low-cost technology to save staff time, to improve the quality of clerical output, and to enhance staff morale. Use of this technology has improved efficiency and cut costs and promises future payroll "cost avoidance" primarily in the preparation of Presentence Investigation Reports.

It is with a deep sense of sorrow and regret that we report the passing of Judge Milton D. Korman. Judge Korman spent many years in dedicated active service on the bench and then devoted seven more years of his time and talents to serve this community as a senior judge.

Joseph Sitnik, following a long and illustrious legal career, joined us as a hearing commissioner and served with distinction and dedication before his untimely death.

Two judges retired from the bench in 1983—Judges David L. Norman and John R. Hess. Two other judges, Joseph M.F. Ryan, Jr. and John D. Fauntleroy, retired from active status but will continue to contribute their invaluable expertise by serving as senior judges.

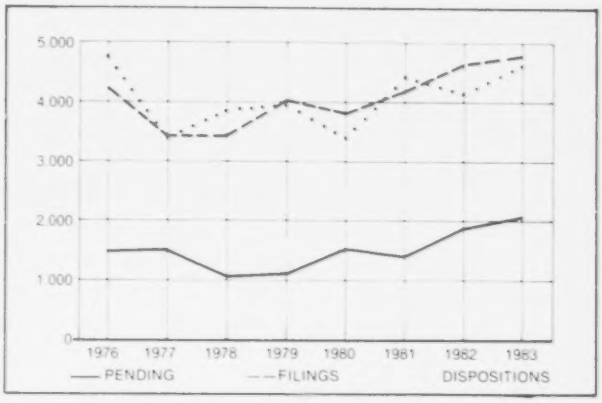
During the year we welcomed five new judges and one hearing commissioner to the Court: Virginia L. Riley, Geoffrey M. Alprin, Stephen F. Eilperin, A. Franklin Burgess, Jr., Nan H. Huhn and Hearing Commissioner John H. Treanor.

I am proud of the achievements the Superior Court has made in five short years. It is difficult to expand services and improve mangement operations without substantial funding and staffing increases. Yet, this Court, with unusually limited resources, has continued to move ahead. Whatever successes the Superior Court has enjoyed, it is as a result of the loyal and dedicated services of the judges, hearing commissioners, and all the employees of this Court. I owe each one of them my eternal thanks and gratitude for the outstanding contributions they have made to this city and to its citizens.

## EXHIBIT VI: ANALYSIS OF MAJOR CASE LOAD TRENDS 1976 - 1983

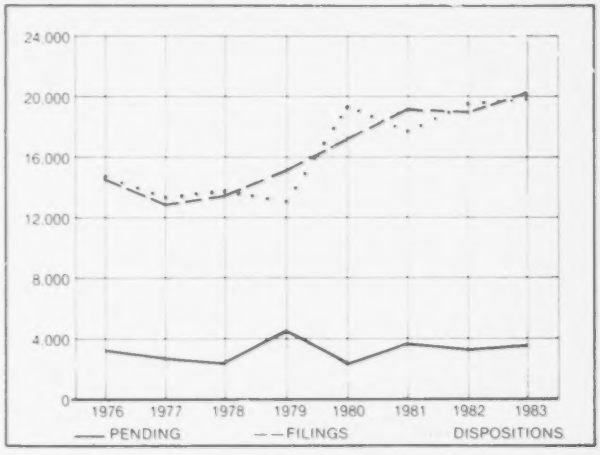
### FELONY CASES

Case filings have continued an upward trend and reached an all time high in 1983 of 4,770 cases (an increase of 141 cases or 3.0% over 1982). Although dispositions increased by 463 cases (an 11.2% rise), unfortunately, the number of pending cases continued to mount, resulting in a year-end increase of 166 cases (8.8%). Contributing to the large rise in dispositions was a substantial increase in both jury and court trials, 12.2% and 81.3%, respectively.



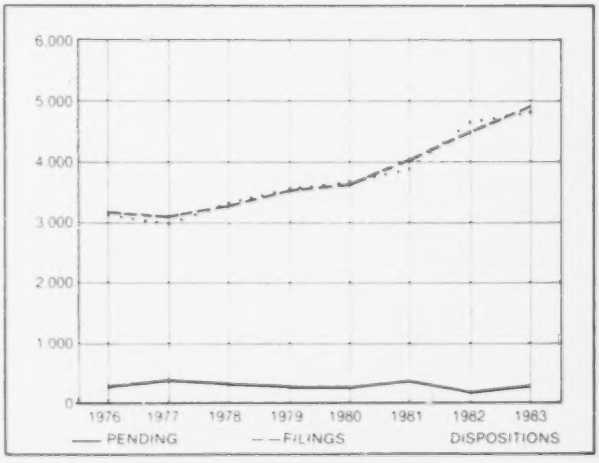

### U.S. MISDEMEANOR CASES

The U.S. misdemeanor pending case load rose significantly in 1983, continuing a disturbing trend. The number of new filings increased by 7.2% (1,164 cases) and although dispositions rose by 496 cases, it was not enough to compensate for the significant increase in filings and resulted in an increase of 303 pending cases (a 9.5% rise over 1982). Interestingly, the number of court trials held in U.S. misdemeanor cases increased by 85.5% (141 cases) while the number of jury trials experienced a decline of 28.5% (226 cases).



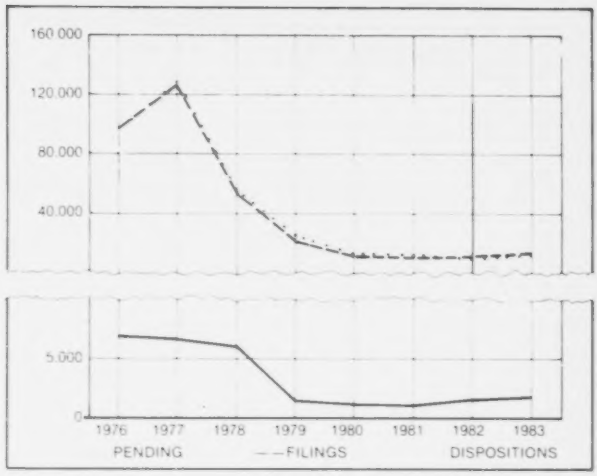

### D.C. MISDEMEANOR CASES

The pending D.C. misdemeanor case load rose sharply in 1983, even though dispositions for the year increased by 3.8% (177 cases). Filings rose by 9.9% (444 cases), resulting in an increase of 46.8% (87 cases) in the pending case load.



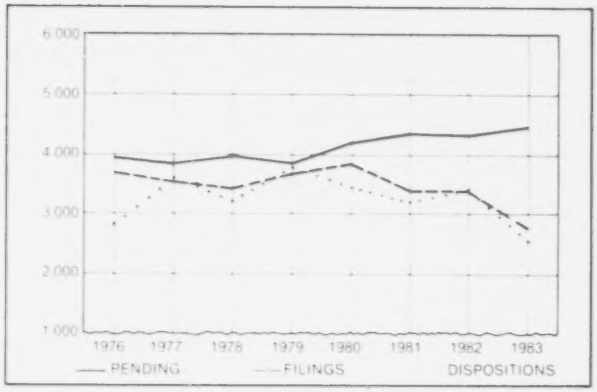
## MAJOR AND MINOR TRAFFIC CASES

The rise in the major and minor traffic pending case load continued in 1983, but at a slower rate than last year. Even though dispositions rose by 35.1% (3,527 cases), new case filings increased by 23.3% (1,949 cases), contributing to a net increase of 4.2% (64 cases) in the pending case load. The assignment of a commissioner to this case load has assisted the Court in staying abreast of the increasing work load.



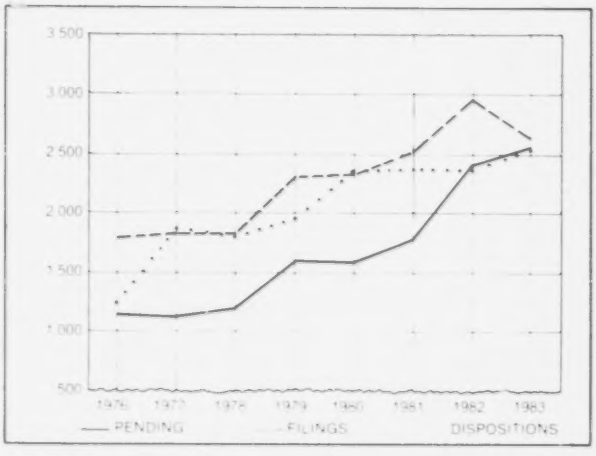

## CIVIL JURY CASES AT ISSUE

There was a decrease of 17.8% (599 cases) in civil jury cases reaching issue in 1983. However, there was also a decline of 24.4% (827 cases) in dispositions resulting in a rise of 3.3% (143 cases) in the pending case load. The resources needed to address the increase in the criminal case load continues to inhibit any reduction of the unacceptable number of pending cases in this area.



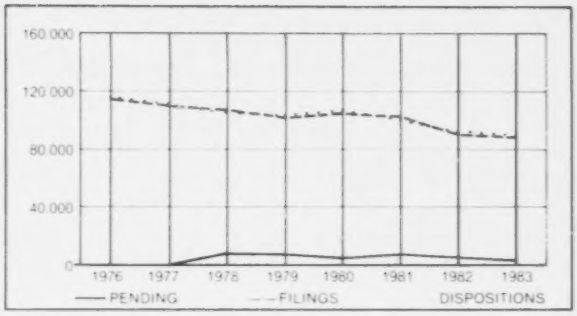

## CIVIL NON-JURY CASES AT ISSUE

The eight-year upward trend in the volume of civil non-jury cases at issue continued during 1983, but at a slower rate than in 1982. Although cases reaching issue declined by 11.0% (326 cases) and dispositions increased significantly by 8.1% (189 cases), resources are still not adequate to raise dispositions to the level of filings. This gap resulted in a substantial increase of 6.7% (162 cases) in pending cases.



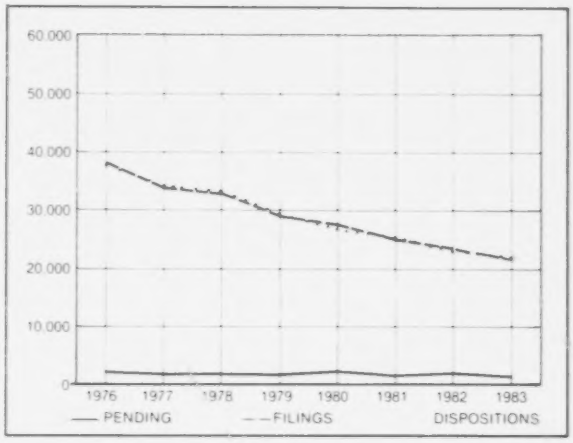
## LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES

In 1983, the rates of filings and dispositions for landlord and tenant cases were closely parallel for the eleventh consecutive year. By the end of the year there were 85,713 cases filed and 88,489 dispositions in landlord and tenant cases, yielding a decline in the pending case load of 51.4% to an acceptable year-end total of 2,628 cases.



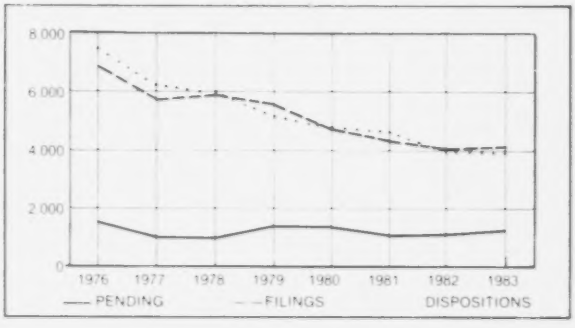

## SMALL CLAIMS CASES

Case filings in the small claims area declined by 7.4% (1,735 cases) in 1983, and dispositions exceeded filings by 210 cases. This reduced the pending case load by 210 cases (13.2%). The downward trend exhibited in this case load over the past eight years can be attributed, primarily, to inflation and the static jurisdictional ceiling of $750.00.



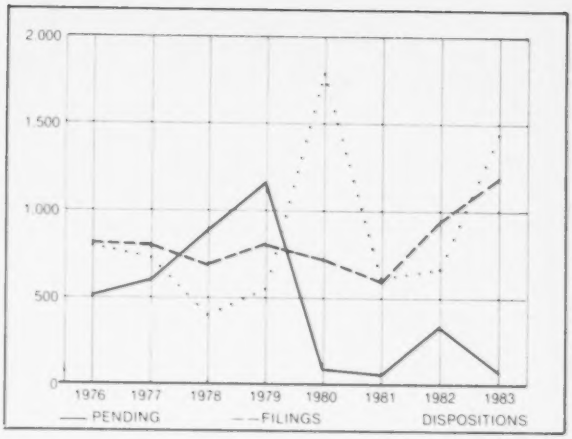

## JUVENILE CASES

Filings of juvenile cases rose this year for the first time in five years. There were 117 more new cases filed in 1983 than in 1982, representing a 2.9% increase. Dispositions declined slightly (by 0.9%, or 36 cases), yielding an increase of 16.2% (173 cases) in the number of cases pending at year-end.



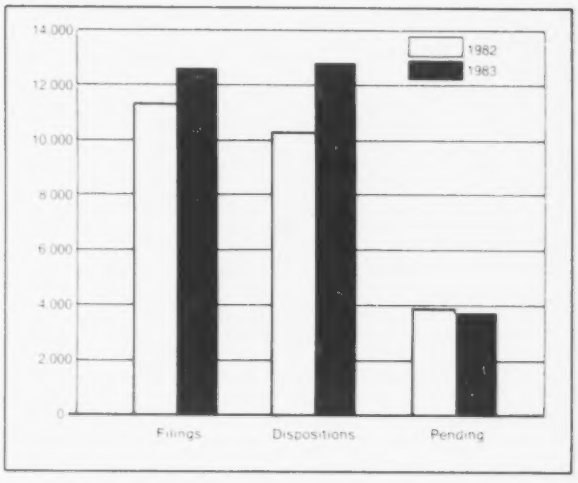
## INTRAFAMILY CASES

New case filings for intrafamily matters rose by 21.9% (175 cases) in 1983. However, dispositions increased by 117.7% (778 cases) to yield a reduction in the pending case load of 77.1%, from 327 cases to 75 cases. This significant change is, however, due mainly to the administrative closure of 340 intrafamily cases.




## DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

The domestic relations case load reflects a newly implemented revised method of counting cases during 1982 and 1983 and, therefore, these figures are not comparable with those reported for previous years. This case load, as presently reported, includes active cases only; that is, cases which are at issue (cases for which an answer was filed) and cases reactivated for a review hearing. Although during 1983 there was a slight decline, 4.8% (403 cases), in the number of cases filed, there was a marked increase of 60.8% (1,735 cases) in the number of cases reactivated. Dispositions exceeded those for the previous year by 24.6% (2,534 cases), and the pending case load dropped by 4.9% (195 cases) to a year-end total of 3,795 cases.



## EXHIBIT VII: JURY MANAGEMENT

As the comparative statistics in these three charts indicate, Superior Court juror usage has remained at relatively high levels from 1980 through 1983. Factors such as the size of the court, the average length of trials and the complexity of the cases all impact upon the conformance of a court to the suggested national standards. These criteria serve as excellent indicators of a system's general performance. The Superior Court exceeds all of the major standards indicated in the table depicting "Juror Utilization Measures." Through continuing statistical analysis and controlled experimentation, the Court intends to further improve the efficiency and integrity of our jury system.

### PETIT JUROR UTILIZATION

| | 1980 | | 1981 | | 1982 | | 1983 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average |
| Number of Days Jurors Reported | 244 | — | 241 | — | 241 | — | 243 | — |
| Number of Jurors Serving | 78,102 | 320 | 76,810 | 319 | 80,107 | 332 | 86,542 | 356 |
| Number of Panel Requests | 1,845 | 7.6 | 1,561 | 6.5 | 1,740 | 7.2 | 1,481 | 6.1 |
| Number of Jurors Sent to Voir Dire | 60,388 | 247 | 54,427 | 256 | 58,717 | 244 | 53,373 | 220 |
| Number of Carryovers | 41,598 | 170 | 40,577 | 168 | 45,152 | 187 | 50,574 | 208 |
| Number Selected/Serving on Panels | 19,612 | 80 | 17,292 | 72 | 19,461 | 81 | 17,933 | 74 |
| Number of Times Judges Waited for Panels | 558 | — | 326 | — | 556 | — | 390 | — |

## JUROR UTILIZATION MEASURES

| Measure | National Standard | Superior Court of District of Columbia | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
| Voir Dire Attendance | Greater than 100%. | 165% | 150% | 168% | 148% |
| Sworn Jurors | Greater than 50%. | 54% | 48% | 56% | 50% |
| Overcall | Less than 20%. | 12% | 13% | 11% | 15% |
| Panel Calls Per Day | Greater than 3. | 7.6 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 6.1 |
| Zero Panel Call Days | Less than 10%.[a] | 1.2% | 0.8% | 0.4% | 0.0% |

[a] No panel calls on less than 10% of the days.

## PANEL UTILIZATION

| Type of Case | 1980 | | 1981 | | 1982 | | 1983 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] |
| Felony | 511 | 508 | 606 | 599 | 539 | 551 | 594 | 618 |
| Misdemeanor | 1,101 | 911 | 703 | 667 | 933 | 838 | 631 | 597 |
| Civil | 233 | 173 | 250 | 152 | 271 | 195 | 256 | 160 |
| Total | 1,845 | 1,592 | 1,559 | 1,418 | 1,743 | 1,584 | 1,481 | 1,375 |

[a] Represents defendants.

# SUPERIOR COURT
# STATISTICS

Thomas A. Duckenfield
Clerk of the Court

The Clerk of the Superior Court has responsibility for the management of the day-to-day operations of the judicial support units which include the Civil, Criminal, Family, Probate, and Tax Divisions as well as the Attorney Advisor, Auditor-Master, Juror Office, Library and Marriage Bureau. The judicial support functions involve maintaining and securing all court records, dockets and evidence; scheduling cases and preparing daily calendars; providing courtroom support; giving legal research and administrative support to the Court Rules Committee and its several Advisory Committees; administering juror services; coordinating appeals; auditing matters before the Court as prescribed by statute and/or upon referral by the Court; issuing marriage licenses and performing marriages; and operating the Library.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# TABLE 11
# SUMMARY OF COURT ACTIVITY FOR 1983

| | Balance Pending January 1 | Cases Filed January 1 through December 31 | Cases Reactivated and Reinstated | Cases Available for Disposition | Cases Disposed of January 1 through December 31 | Balance Pending December 31 | % Change in Balance Pending 1982 - 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Criminal Division** | | | | | | | |
| Felony Indictments | 1,886 | 4,161 | 609 | 6,656 | 4,604 | 2,052 | 8.8 |
| Felony Preindictments | 248 | 7,066 | 59 | 7,373 | 7,230 | 143 | – 42.3 |
| U.S. Misdemeanors | 3,197 | 17,343 | 2,931 | 23,471 | 19,971 | 3,500 | 9.5 |
| D.C. Misdemeanors | 186 | 4,467 | 449 | 5,102 | 4,829 | 273 | 46.8 |
| Special Proceedings | 44 | 1,873 | 13 | 1,930 | 1,890 | 40 | – 9.1 |
| Traffic | 1,522 | 10,297 | 3,348 | 15,167 | 13,581 | 1,586 | 4.2 |
| Total | 7,083 | 45,207 | 7,409 | 59,699 | 52,105 | 7,594 | 7.2 |
| **Civil Division** | | | | | | | |
| Civil Actions | 6,723 | 5,281[a] | 118 | 12,122 | 5,094 | 7,028 | 4.5 |
| Landlord and Tenant | 5,404 | 84,222 | 1,491 | 91,117 | 88,489 | 2,628 | – 51.4 |
| Small Claims | 1,587 | 21,142 | 596 | 23,325 | 21,948 | 1,377 | – 13.2 |
| Total | 13,714 | 110,645 | 2,205 | 126,564 | 115,531 | 11,033 | – 19.5 |
| **Family Division** | | | | | | | |
| Juvenile | 1,067 | 4,129 | 6 | 5,202 | 3,962 | 1,240 | 16.2 |
| Intrafamily | 327 | 975 | 212 | 1,514 | 1,439 | 75 | – 77.1 |
| Neglect | 103 | 470 | 5,486 | 6,059 | 5,907 | 152 | 47.6 |
| Domestic Relations[b] | 3,990 | 8,039 | 4,589 | 16,618 | 12,823 | 3,795 | – 4.9 |
| Mental Health | 159 | 1,596 | — | 1,755 | 1,606 | 149 | – 6.3 |
| Mental Retardation[c] | 867 | 26 | 2,003 | 2,896 | 2,730 | 166 | – 80.9 |
| Total | 6,513 | 15,235 | 12,296 | 34,044 | 28,467 | 5,577 | – 14.4 |
| **Tax Division** | | | | | | | |
| Criminal | 4 | — | — | 4 | 4 | 0 | – 100.0 |
| Civil | 376 | 135 | 7 | 518 | 89 | 429 | 14.1 |
| Total | 380 | 135 | 7 | 522 | 93 | 429 | 12.9 |
| **Auditor-Master** | 93 | 116 | — | 209 | 89 | 120 | 29.0 |
| **Probate** | 6,185 | 2,829 | — | 9,014 | 2,665 | 6,349 | 2.7 |
| Grand Total | 33,968 | 174,167 | 21,917 | 230,052 | 198,950 | 31,102 | – 8.4 |

| | Case Load January 1 | Cases Assigned January 1 through December 31 | Total Case Load | Cases Removed January 1 through December 31 | Case Load December 31 | % Change in Case Load 1982 - 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Social Services Division** | | | | | | |
| Adult Services | 7,841 | 9,344 | 17,185 | 7,266 | 9,919 | 26.5 |
| Intrafamily Services | 1,164 | 161 | 1,325 | 1,102 | 223 | – 80.8 |
| Juvenile Services | 791 | 734 | 1,525 | 873 | 652 | – 17.6 |
| Diversion: | | | | | | |
| Community Services | 325 | 1,373 | 1,698 | 1,279 | 419 | 28.9 |
| Monitored Cases | 9 | 36 | 45 | 36 | 9 | 0.0 |
| Total | 10,130 | 11,648 | 21,778 | 10,556 | 11,222 | 10.8 |

[a] Civil Actions filing figure reflects only those cases that have been joined and placed on the ready calendar (at issue).

[b] Active cases, i.e., cases with a hearing pending.

[c] The Court retains jurisdiction over all mental retardation cases until (1) a mentally retarded individual dies, (2) there is a voluntary request for discharge, (3) a parent or guardian requests discharge, or (4) the Mental Retardation Commission dismisses the petition. Consequently, the number of dispositions is not an accurate reflection of the work load of the Mental Retardation Branch.

## EXHIBIT VIII

### MAJOR CASE ACTIVITY
### JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1983

| Case Type | Cases Pending January 1 | Filings and Reinstatements | Dispositions | Cases Pending December 31 | Percent Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. Misdemeanors | 3,197 | 20,274 | 19,971 | 3,500 | 9.5 |
| Felony Indictments | 1,886 | 4,770 | 4,604 | 2,052 | 8.8 |
| Civil Actions | 6,723 | 5,399 | 5,094 | 7,028 | 4.5 |
| Juvenile | 1,067 | 4,135 | 3,962 | 1,240 | 16.2 |
| Divorce | 1,435 | 3,317 | 2,619 | 2,133 | 48.6 |
| Support | 1,271 | 5,636 | 5,606 | 1,301 | 2.4 |
| TOTAL | 15,579 | 43,531 | 41,856 | 17,254 | 10.8 |

# TABLE 12
# COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF NEW CASE FILINGS

| Division | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Criminal Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony Indictments | 3,737 | 3,044 | 3,083 | 3,655 | 3,138 | 3,631 | 3,934 | **4,161** | 5.8 |
| Felony Preindictments | 7,917 | 7,702 | 6,486 | 6,935 | 6,994 | 7,319 | 7,078 | **7,066** | – 0.2 |
| U.S. Misdemeanors | 12,907 | 11,982 | 12,022 | 13,709 | 13,813 | 15,578 | 16,179 | **17,343** | 7.2 |
| D.C. Misdemeanors | 3,004 | 2,995 | 3,138 | 3,431 | 3,475 | 3,813 | 4,244 | **4,467** | 5.3 |
| Special Proceedings | 2,039 | 1,857 | 1,691 | 1,702 | 1,847 | 1,899 | 2,154 | **1,873** | – 13.0 |
| Traffic[a] | 87,583 | 94,592 | 39,802 | 18,309 | 9,410 | 8,413 | 8,348 | **10,297** | 23.3 |
| Total | 117,187 | 122,172 | 66,222 | 47,741 | 38,677 | 40,653 | 41,937 | **45,207** | 7.8 |
| **Civil Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Civil Actions | 12,674 | 12,862 | 14,063 | 16,607 | 17,705 | 18,587 | 16,569 | **15,486** | – 6.5 |
| Landlord & Tenant | 114,408 | 110,461 | 107,701 | 102,497 | 104,792 | 101,825 | 89,694 | **84,222** | – 6.1 |
| Small Claims | 28,347 | 25,833 | 26,708 | 26,284 | 24,957 | 23,364 | 22,594 | **21,142** | – 6.4 |
| Total | 155,429 | 149,156 | 148,472 | 145,388 | 147,454 | 143,776 | 128,857 | **120,850** | – 6.2 |
| **Family Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Juvenile | 6,826 | 5,750 | 5,882 | 5,573 | 4,731 | 4,323 | 4,012 | **4,129** | 2.9 |
| Intrafamily | 818 | 815 | 693 | 810 | 724 | 581 | 800 | **975** | 21.9 |
| Neglect | 565 | 539 | 502 | 466 | 590 | 436 | 432 | **470** | 8.8 |
| Domestic Relations | 5,919 | 6,632 | 6,608 | 7,081 | 7,888 | 8,733 | 8,143 | **8,487** | 4.2 |
| Mental Health | — | — | — | — | — | 823 | 1,527 | **1,596** | 4.5 |
| Mental Retardation | — | — | — | — | — | 283 | 712 | **26** | – 96.3 |
| Total | 14,128 | 13,736 | 13,685 | 13,930 | 13,933 | 15,179 | 15,626 | **15,683** | 0.4 |
| **Tax Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Criminal Tax Cases | 562 | 363 | 370 | 258 | 6[b] | 8 | 5 | — | – 100.0 |
| Civil Tax Cases | 63 | 58 | 153 | 185 | 201 | 77 | 94 | **135** | 43.6 |
| Total | 625 | 421 | 523 | 443 | 207[b] | 85 | 99 | **135** | 36.4 |
| **Auditor-Master** | 1,717 | 1,567 | 1,612 | 1,676 | 1,679 | 436 | 130 | **116** | – 10.8 |
| **Probate Division** | 4,897 | 4,740 | 4,886 | 4,643 | 2,885 | 2,970[c] | 2,849 | **2,829** | – 0.7 |
| Grand Total | 293,983 | 291,792 | 235,400 | 213,821 | 204,835 | 203,099 | 189,498 | **184,820** | – 2.5 |
| Grand Total (excl. Traffic) | 206,400 | 197,200 | 195,598 | 195,512 | 195,425 | 194,686 | 181,150 | **174,523** | – 3.7 |
| Monthly Average of New Cases (excl. Traffic) | 17,200 | 16,433 | 16,300 | 16,293 | 16,285 | 16,224 | 15,096 | **14,544** | – 3.7 |

[a] Figures reflect changes in procedures in 1978 and transfer of majority of moving and parking violations to the Department of Transportation in 1979.

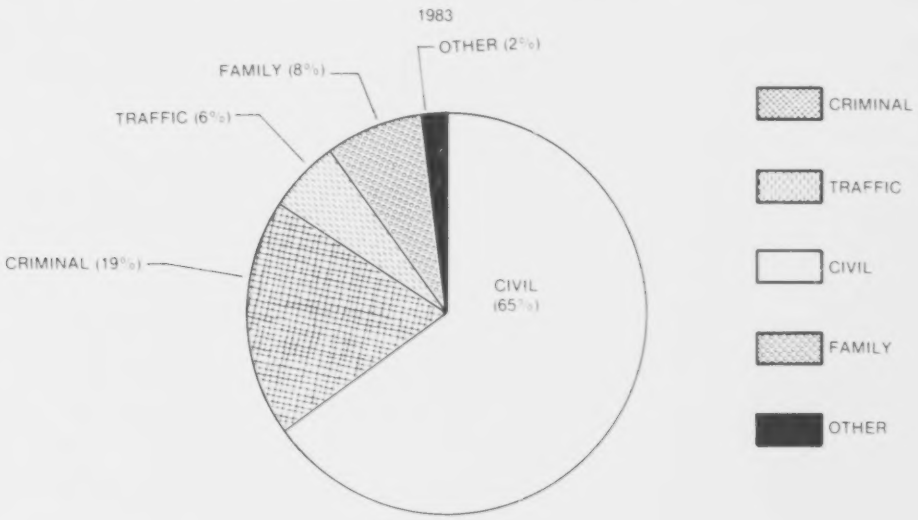
[b] Statistics for criminal tax cases reflect a change in method of counting cases.

[c] Figures reflect an adjustment of – 303 cases for 1980 and – 816 cases for 1981.

## EXHIBIT IX: NEW CASE FILINGS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CRIMINAL | 27,580 | 26,420 | 29,432 | 29,267 | 32,240 | 33,589 | 34,910 |
| TRAFFIC | 94,592 | 39,802 | 18,309 | 9,410 | 8,413 | 8,348 | 10,297 |
| CIVIL | 149,156 | 148,472 | 145,388 | 147,454 | 143,776 | 128,857 | 120,850 |
| FAMILY | 13,736 | 13,685 | 13,930 | 13,933 | 15,179 | 15,626 | 15,682 |
| OTHER | 6,728 | 7,021 | 6,762 | 4,771[a] | 3,491[a] | 3,078 | 3,080 |

[a]Figures reflect an adjustment of −303 cases for 1980 and −816 cases for 1981.

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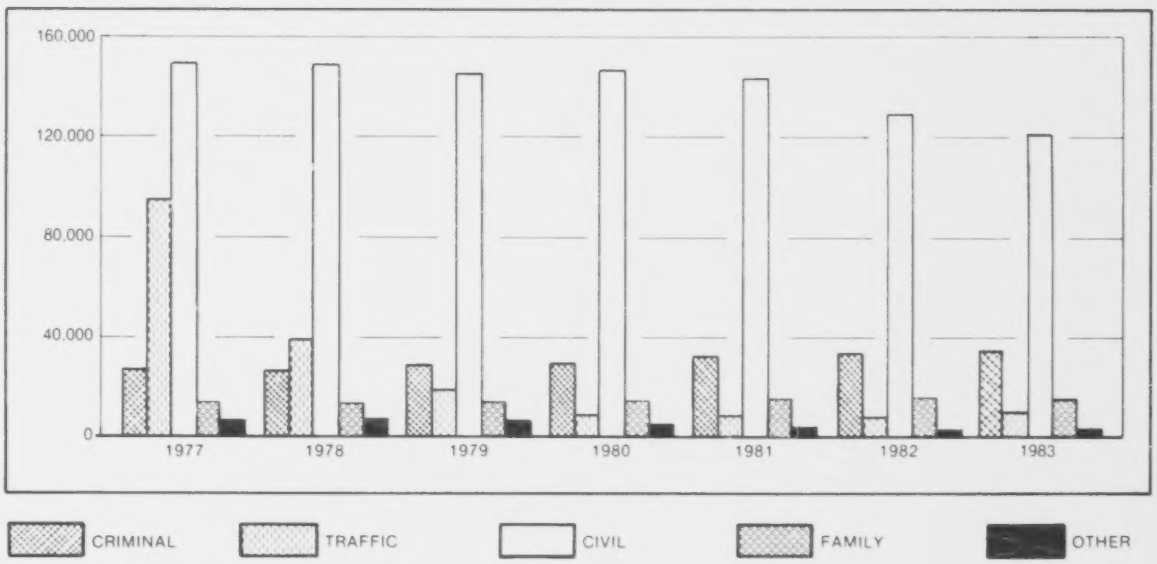

# SUPERIOR COURT
# CRIMINAL DIVISION

Fred B. Ugast
Presiding Judge

Frederick B. Beane, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk

The Criminal Division is comprised of four major branches: Felony Branch; Misdemeanor Branch; D.C. Traffic Branch; and, Special Proceedings Branch.

It is the primary responsiblity of this Division to process matters which are in violation of the United States Code, the District of Columbia Code, municipal and traffic regulations. Prosecution is by the United States Attorney or the District of Columbia Corporation Counsel. Administrative and clerical support functions are performed by the Criminal Division, including: providing direct courtroom support staff for judges assigned to hear criminal matters; coordinating the assignment of cases to judges; and filing, calendaring, and recordkeeping.


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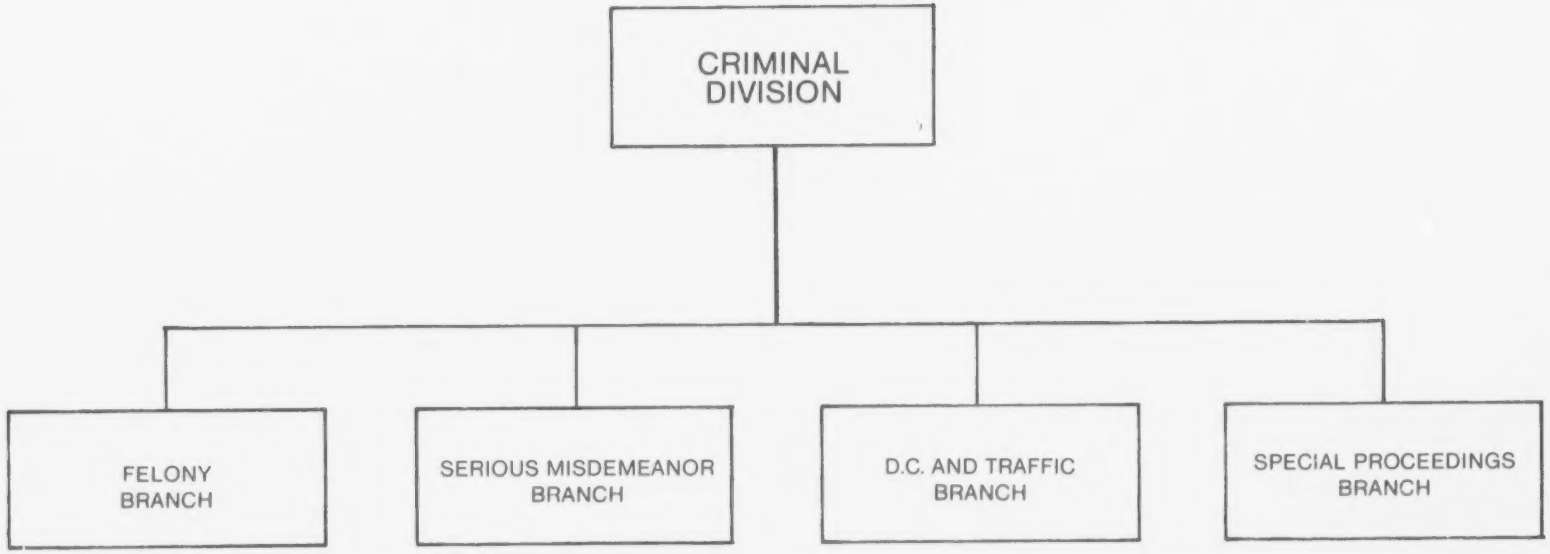
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D.C. AND TRAFFIC BRANCH
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BRANCH

## TABLE 13
## SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY 1983

| | Branch | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Felony | U.S. Misdemeanor | Traffic | D.C. Misdemeanor | |
| Pending January 1 | 1,886 | 3,197 | 1,522 | 186 | 6,791 |
| Filed | 4,161 | 17,343 | 10,297 | 4,467 | 36,268 |
| Reinstated | 609 | 2,905 | 3,348 | 449 | 7,311 |
| Transferred In | — | 26 | — | — | 26 |
| Total to be Disposed | 6,656 | 23,471 | 15,167 | 5,102 | 50,396 |
| Dispositions | | | | | |
| Prior to Adjudication | | | | | |
| No Papers | — | 3,134 | 1,133 | 2,025 | 6,292 |
| Nolle Prosequi | 47 | 5,042 | 3,018 | 604 | 8,711 |
| Other | 2 | 9 | 17 | 5 | 33 |
| Total | 49 | 8,185 | 4,168 | 2,634 | 15,036 |
| By Court | | | | | |
| Jury Trials | 618 | 568 | 23 | 6 | 1,215 |
| Court Trials | 58 | 306 | 116 | 58 | 538 |
| Pleas | 2,765 | 7,167 | 3,065 | 298 | 13,295 |
| Dismissed/DWP | 471 | 831 | 214 | 105 | 1,621 |
| Incompetent to Stand Trial | 15 | 14 | — | — | 29 |
| Security Forfeited | — | — | 1,819 | 1,364 | 3,183 |
| Other | 6 | 24 | — | — | 30 |
| Total | 3,933 | 8,910 | 5,237 | 1,831 | 19,911 |
| Placed on Inactive Status | | | | | |
| Absconded | 596 | 1,417 | 2,307 | 330 | 4,650 |
| Mental Observation | — | 196 | 22 | 34 | 252 |
| Pretrial Diversion | — | 1,263 | 1,844 | — | 3,107 |
| Traffic School | — | — | 3 | — | 3 |
| Total | 596 | 2,876 | 4,176 | 364 | 8,012 |
| Transferred Out | 26 | — | — | — | 26 |
| Total Dispositions | 4,604 | 19,971 | 13,581 | 4,829 | 42,985 |
| Pending December 31 | 2,052 | 3,500 | 1,586 | 273 | 7,411 |

## TABLE 14
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF FELONY PREINDICTMENTS

| | Defendants | | | | | | | | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | |
| Pending January 1 | 243 | 177 | 148 | 264 | 194 | 136 | 226 | 248 | 9.7 |
| Filed | 7,917 | 7,702 | 6,486 | 6,935 | 6,994 | 7,319 | 7,078 | 7,066 | – 0.2 |
| Reinstated | 156 | 84 | 90 | 75 | 52 | 48 | 62 | 59 | – 4.8 |
| Total to be Disposed | 8,316 | 7,963 | 6,724 | 7,274 | 7,240 | 7,503 | 7,366 | 7,373 | 0.1 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Prior to Hearing | | | | | | | | | |
| No Papers | 2,226 | 2,532 | 1,194 | 1,370 | 1,413 | 1,545 | 1,715 | 1,412 | – 17.7 |
| Nolle Prosequi | 743 | 531 | 231 | 262 | 747 | 510 | 494 | 492 | – 0.4 |
| Dismissed | 119 | 136 | 367 | 592 | 330 | 334 | 255 | 159 | – 37.6 |
| Other | 175 | 311 | 179 | 357 | 463 | 693 | 575 | 534 | – 7.1 |
| Total | 3,263 | 3,510 | 1,971 | 2,581 | 2,953 | 3,082 | 3,039 | 2,597 | – 14.5 |
| By Court | | | | | | | | | |
| Held for Grand Jury | 3,627 | 3,305 | 3,189 | 2,964 | 2,965 | 3,145 | 3,220 | 3,616 | 12.3 |
| Waived to Grand Jury | 903 | 686 | 1,015 | 1,169 | 808 | 691 | 449 | 580 | 29.2 |
| No Probable Cause | 145 | 111 | 77 | 80 | 71 | 58 | 90 | 122 | 35.6 |
| Dismissed for Want of Prosecution[1] | — | — | — | 43 | 68 | 89 | 199 | 173 | – 13.1 |
| Total | 4,675 | 4,102 | 4,281 | 4,256 | 3,912 | 3,983 | 3,958 | 4,491 | 13.5 |
| Placed on Inactive Status | | | | | | | | | |
| Absconded | 150 | 110 | 115 | 134 | 177 | 136 | 117 | 133 | 13.7 |
| Mental Observation | 51 | 93 | 93 | 109 | 62 | 76 | 4 | 9 | 125.0 |
| Total | 201 | 203 | 208 | 243 | 239 | 212 | 121 | 142 | 17.4 |
| Total Dispositions | 8,139 | 7,815 | 6,460 | 7,080 | 7,104 | 7,277 | 7,118 | 7,230 | 1.6 |
| Pending December 31 | 177 | 148 | 264 | 194 | 136 | 226 | 248 | 143 | – 42.3 |

[1] Dismissed for Want of Prosecution was previously included in Dispositions Prior to Hearing.

## TABLE 15
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Felony | 795 | 593 | 659 | 528 | 508 | 599 | 551 | 618 | 12.2 |
| U.S. Misdemeanor | 372 | 433 | 451 | 377 | 857 | 605 | 794 | 568 | – 28.5 |
| D.C. Misdemeanor | — | 3 | — | 2 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 6 | – 14.3 |
| Traffic | 36 | 49 | 70 | 42 | 50 | 49 | 37 | 23 | – 37.8 |
| Total | 1,203 | 1,078 | 1,179 | 949 | 1,419 | 1,266 | 1,389 | 1,215 | – 12.5 |

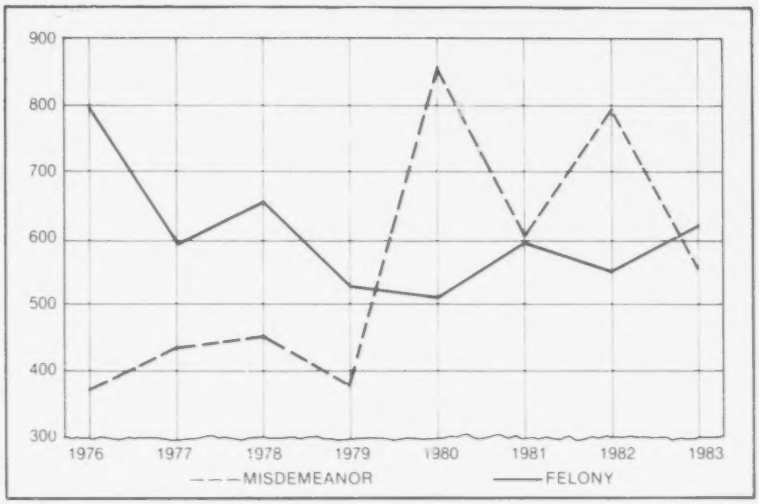
## TABLE 16
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CRIMINAL COURT TRIALS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Felony | 82 | 42 | 52 | 47 | 41 | 47 | 32 | 58 | 81.3 |
| U.S. Misdemeanor | 620 | 380 | 243 | 101 | 302 | 229 | 165 | 306 | 85.5 |
| D.C. Misdemeanor | 40 | 59 | 93 | 135 | 115 | 91 | 119 | 58 | – 51.3 |
| Traffic | 905 | 1,403 | 1,489 | 394 | 123 | 81 | 84 | 116 | 38.1 |
| Total | 1,647 | 1,884 | 1,877 | 677 | 581 | 448 | 400 | 538 | 34.5 |

## TABLE 17
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CRIMINAL PLEAS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Felony | 2,807 | 2,016 | 2,287 | 2,367 | 1,970 | 2,455 | 2,426 | 2,765 | 14.0 |
| U.S. Misdemeanor | 3,675 | 3,353 | 3,982 | 4,313 | 5,242 | 5,283 | 6,126 | 7,167 | 17.0 |
| D.C. Misdemeanor | 307 | 187 | 377 | 612 | 443 | 392 | 352 | 298 | – 15.3 |
| Traffic | 6,040 | 9,859 | 9,413 | 3,535 | 3,408 | 3,087 | 2,827 | 3,065 | 8.4 |
| Total | 12,829 | 15,415 | 16,059 | 10,827 | 11,063 | 11,217 | 11,731 | 13,295 | 13.3 |

## EXHIBIT X: CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS

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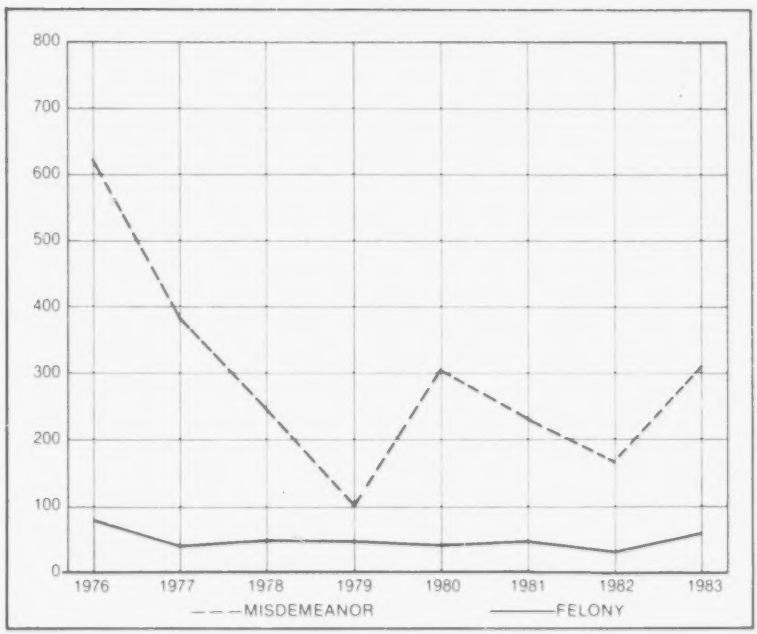

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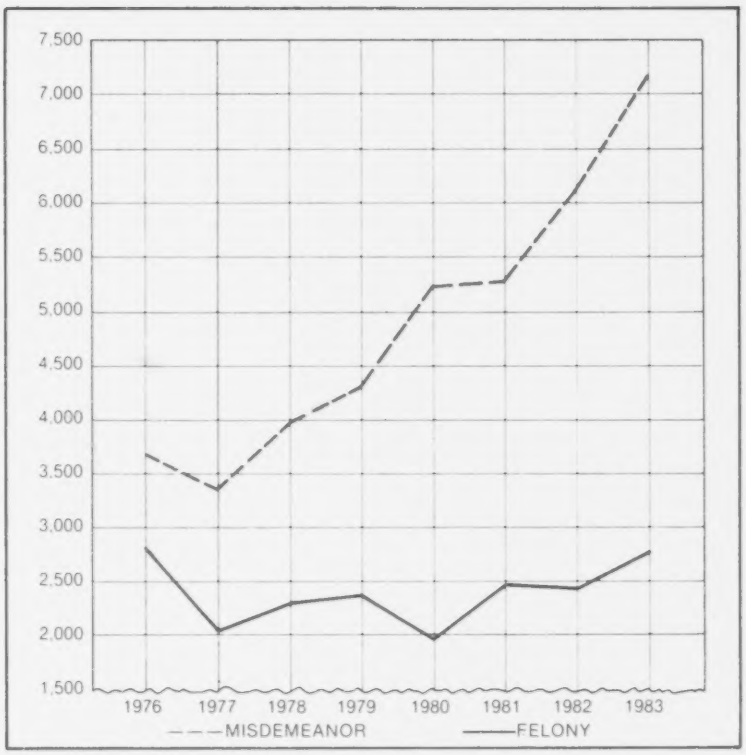


## TABLE 18
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS ACTIVITY

| | Defendants | | | | | | | | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | **1983** | |
| Pending January 1 | 45 | 48 | 52 | 57 | 42 | 39 | 45 | **44** | – 2.2 |
| Filed | 2,039 | 1,857 | 1,691 | 1,702 | 1,847 | 1,899 | 2,154 | **1,873** | – 13.0 |
| Reinstated | 11 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 13 | **13** | 0.0 |
| Total to be Disposed | 2,095 | 1,915 | 1,746 | 1,768 | 1,890 | 1,947 | 2,212 | **1,930** | – 12.7 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Prior to Adjudication | 826 | 900 | 780 | 783 | 853 | 975 | 1,227 | **1,186** | – 3.3 |
| By Court | 1,221 | 963 | 909 | 943 | 998 | 927 | 941 | **704** | – 25.2 |
| Total Dispositions | 2,047 | 1,863 | 1,689 | 1,726 | 1,851 | 1,902 | 2,168 | **1,890** | – 12.8 |
| Pending December 31 | 48 | 52 | 57 | 42 | 39 | 45 | 44 | **40** | – 9.1 |

# SUPERIOR COURT
# CIVIL DIVISION

John F. Doyle
Presiding Judge

Thomas A. Hammond, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk

The Civil Division of the Superior Court has jurisdiction over any civil action at law or in equity (excluding family matters) brought in the District of Columbia except where jurisdiction is exclusively vested in the federal court.

The Civil Actions Branch is responsible for the management of all civil actions where the amount in controversy exceeds $750.00, as well as landlord and tenant cases. All motions which are filed in civil actions cases are processed by the Civil Motions Branch, while caseflow management and the calendaring of all civil actions cases are within the purview of the Civil Assignment Branch. The Small Claims Branch oversees the processing and adjudication of all cases where the amount in controversy is $750.00 or less, and provides a forum for *pro se* litigants. Courtroom staffing and operations are the responsiblity of the Courtroom Support Branch.


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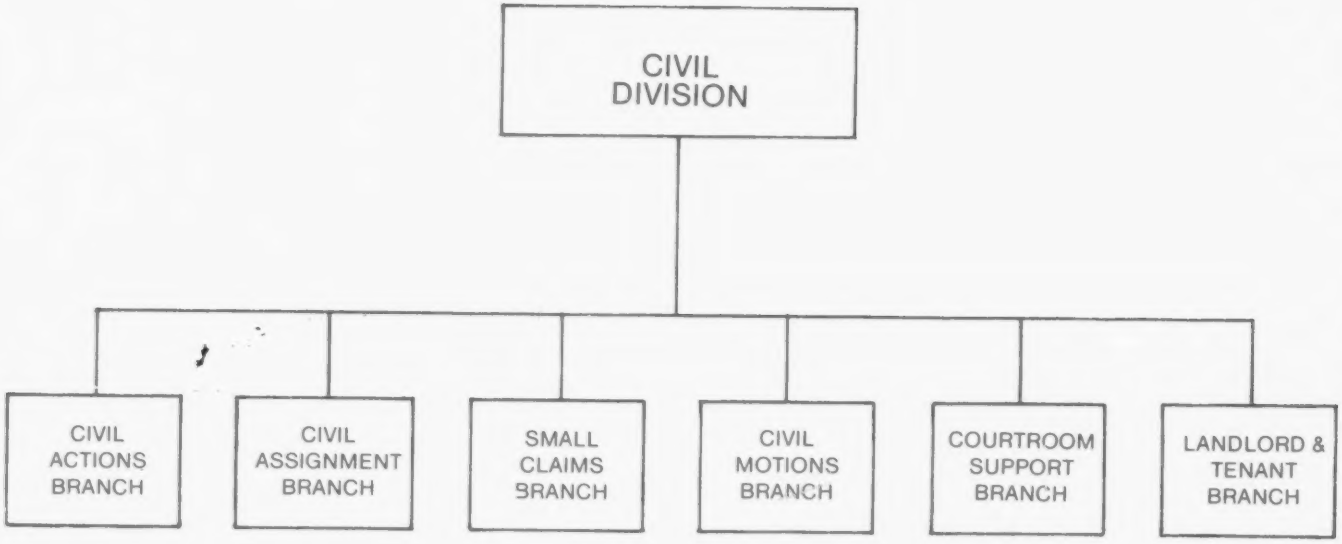
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## TABLE 19
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CIVIL JURY CALENDAR ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar January 1 | 3,113 | 3,930 | 3,837 | 3,986 | 3,850 | 4,197 | 4,350 | 4,322 | – 0.6 |
| New and Reinstated Cases Placed on Trial Calendar | 3,657 | 3,528 | 3,405 | 3,670 | 3,828 | 3,379 | 3,362 | 2,763 | – 17.8 |
| Less Jury Trials Waived | 10 | 43 | 50 | 42 | 44 | 35 | — | 57 | — |
| Total Cases on Trial Calendar | 6,760 | 7,415 | 7,192 | 7,614 | 7,634 | 7,541 | 7,712 | 7,028 | – 8.9 |
| Dispositions | 2,830 | 3,578 | 3,206 | 3,764 | 3,437 | 3,191 | 3,390 | 2,563 | – 24.4 |
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar December 31 | 3,930 | 3,837 | 3,986 | 3,850 | 4,197 | 4,350 | 4,322 | 4,465 | 3.3 |

## TABLE 20
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CIVIL NON-JURY CALENDAR ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar January 1 | 574 | 1,129 | 1,123 | 1,192 | 1,592 | 1,588 | 1,781 | 2,401 | 34.8 |
| New and Reinstated Cases Placed on Trial Calendar | 1,780 | 1,820 | 1,825 | 2,308 | 2,293 | 2,514 | 2,962 | 2,636 | – 11.0 |
| Waived from Jury Calendar | 10 | 43 | 50 | 42 | 44 | 35 | — | 57 | — |
| Total Cases on Trial Calendar | 2,364 | 2,992 | 2,998 | 3,542 | 3,929 | 4,137 | 4,743 | 5,094 | 7.4 |
| Dispositions | 1,235 | 1,869 | 1,806 | 1,950 | 2,341 | 2,356 | 2,342 | 2,531 | 8.1 |
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar December 31 | 1,129 | 1,123 | 1,192 | 1,592 | 1,588 | 1,781 | 2,401 | 2,563 | 6.7 |

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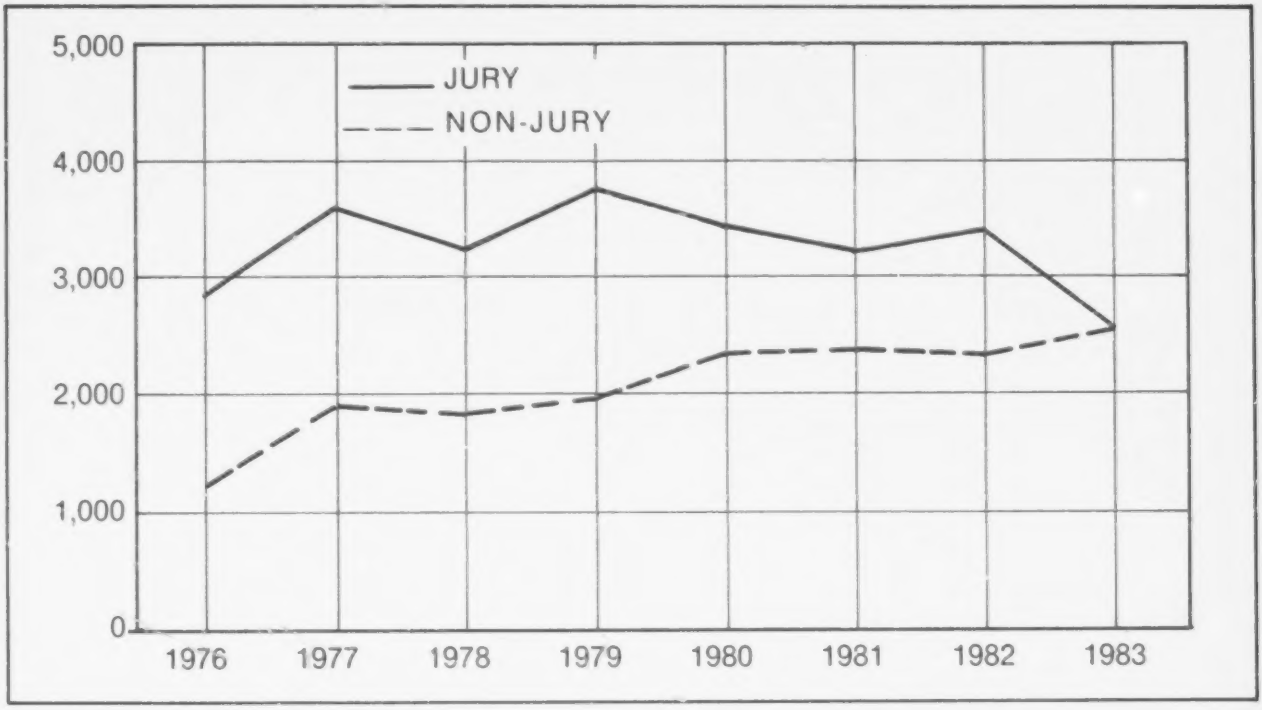


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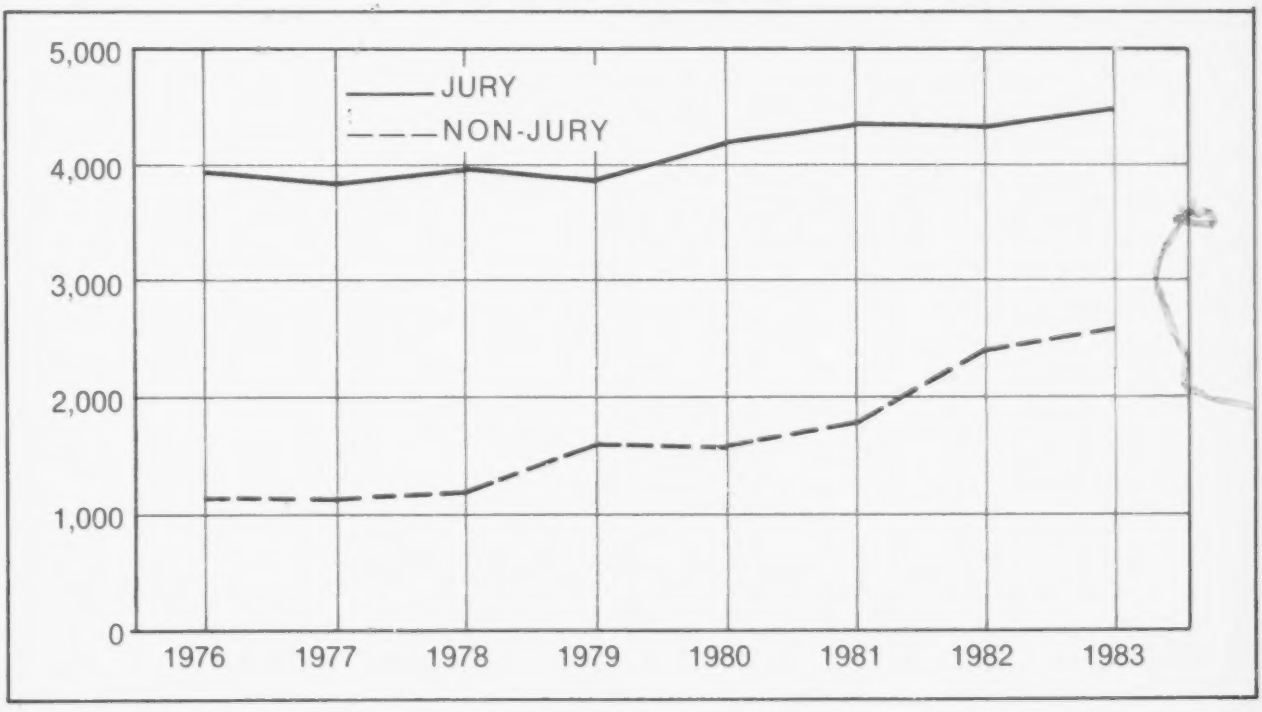

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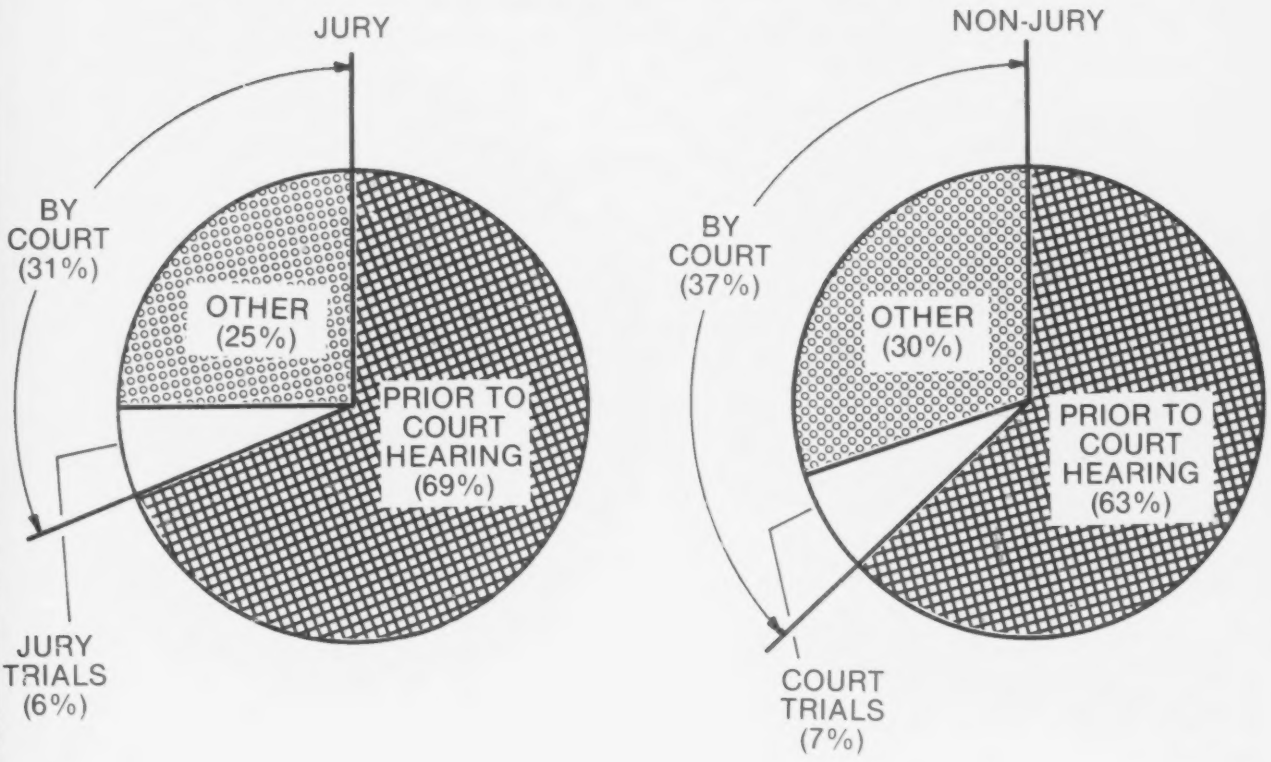


| Disposition of Cases at Issue | Jury | Non-Jury | Total | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prior to Court Hearing | 1,762 | 1,582 | 3,344 | 66 |
| Disposed of by Court | | | | |
| Jury and Court Trials Held | 159 | 171 | 330 | |
| Consents | 7 | 27 | 34 | |
| Ex Parte | — | — | — | |
| Judgments | 24 | 265 | 289 | |
| Settlements at Pretrial or Trial Conference | 459 | 135 | 594 | |
| Dismissed for Want of Prosecution | 10 | 5 | 15 | |
| Summary Judgment Granted | 30 | 144 | 174 | |
| Motion to Dismiss Granted | 49 | 36 | 85 | |
| Motion for Judgment Granted | 60 | 132 | 192 | |
| Judgment on Pleadings | — | 26 | 26 | |
| Other | 3 | 8 | 11 | |
| Total | 801 | 949 | 1,750 | 34 |
| Total Dispositions | 2,563 | 2,531 | 5,094 | 100 |

## TABLE 21
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MOTIONS ACTIONS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Motions and Oppositions Filed | 12,359 | 13,495 | 13,776 | 14,012 | 16,545 | 20,980 | 19,727 | 17,656 | – 10.5 |
| Motions Hearings | 1,137 | 1,175 | 1,324 | 1,412 | 1,480 | 2,005 | 2,258 | 2,539 | 12.4 |

## TABLE 22
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF JUDGMENT ACTIONS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Default Judgments | 3,266 | 3,187 | 3,657 | 4,446 | 4,629 | 4,324 | 6,167 | 3,621 | – 41.3 |
| Confession and Consent | 279 | 377 | 382 | 443 | 472 | 382 | 670 | 558 | – 16.7 |
| Default Judgments, Rule 55-II | 237 | 284 | 316 | 361 | 304 | 230 | 311 | 260 | – 16.4 |
| Judgments of Condemnation | 298 | 323 | 358 | 520 | 520 | 542 | 741 | 615 | – 17.0 |
| Judgments, Rule 62-II | 274 | 352 | 294 | 354 | 386 | 546 | 384 | 306 | – 20.3 |
| Total | 4,354 | 4,523 | 5,007 | 6,124 | 6,311 | 6,024 | 8,273 | 5,360 | – 35.2 |

## TABLE 23
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF LANDLORD AND TENANT ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 444 | 288 | 4,883[a] | 7,909 | 7,418 | 5,333 | 7,185 | **5,404** | – 24.8 |
| Filed | 114,408 | 110,461 | 107,701 | 102,497 | 104,792 | 101,825 | 89,694 | **84,222** | – 6.1 |
| Reinstated | — | — | — | 441 | 1,053 | 708 | 703 | **1,491** | 112.1 |
| Total to be Disposed | 114,852 | 110,749 | 112,584 | 110,847 | 113,263 | 107,866 | 97,582 | **91,117** | – 6.6 |
| Dispositions | 114,564 | 110,539 | 107,481 | 103,429 | 107,930 | 100,681 | 92,178 | **88,489** | – 4.0 |
| Pending December 31 | 288 | 210 | 7,909[a] | 7,418 | 5,333 | 7,185 | 5,404 | **2,628** | – 51.4 |

[a] Adjustment was explained in *1979 Annual Report.*

## TABLE 24
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SMALL CLAIMS ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 1,955 | 2,063 | 1,912 | 1,953 | 1,792 | 2,405 | 1,495 | **1,587** | 6.2 |
| Filed | 28,347 | 25,833 | 26,708 | 26,284 | 24,957 | 23,364 | 22,594 | **21,142** | – 6.4 |
| Reactivated/Reinstated | 9,697 | 7,902 | 6,089 | 2,598 | 2,605 | 1,126 | 879 | **596** | – 32.2 |
| Total to be Disposed | 39,999 | 35,798 | 34,709 | 30,835 | 29,354 | 26,895 | 24,968 | **23,325** | – 6.6 |
| Dispositions | 37,936 | 33,886 | 32,756 | 29,043 | 26,949 | 25,400 | 23,381 | **21,948** | – 6.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 2,063 | 1,912 | 1,953 | 1,792 | 2,405 | 1,495 | 1,587 | **1,377** | – 13.2 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Filed by Individuals without Attorney (included above in cases filed) | 5,088 | 4,723 | 5,012 | 5,356 | 5,003 | 5,306 | 5,561 | **5,261** | – 5.4 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# FAMILY DIVISION

Gladys Kessler
Presiding Judge

Karen M. Knab
Chief Deputy Clerk

The responsibilities of the Family Division encompass a broad spectrum of family matters as evidenced by the diversity of the nine component branches: Courtroom Support Branch; Domestic Relations Branch; Intrafamily and Neglect Branch; Juvenile Branch; Family Assignment Branch; Mental Health Branch; Mental Retardation Branch; Office of Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect; and, Office of Hearing Commissioners.

The Chief Deputy Clerk's office furnishes technical assistance to the branches within the Division and provides information and management assistance to the Presiding Judge; assigns courtroom clerks; responds to public requests for information; monitors case loads and adjusts calendars to maximize dispositions; provides training to the staffs of judges assigned to the Division; designs and conducts research projects; and implements special projects.

In addition, the Family Division coordinates services with outside agencies such as the Department of Human Services, the Bureau of Paternity and Child Support Enforcement and the Office of the Corporation Counsel.


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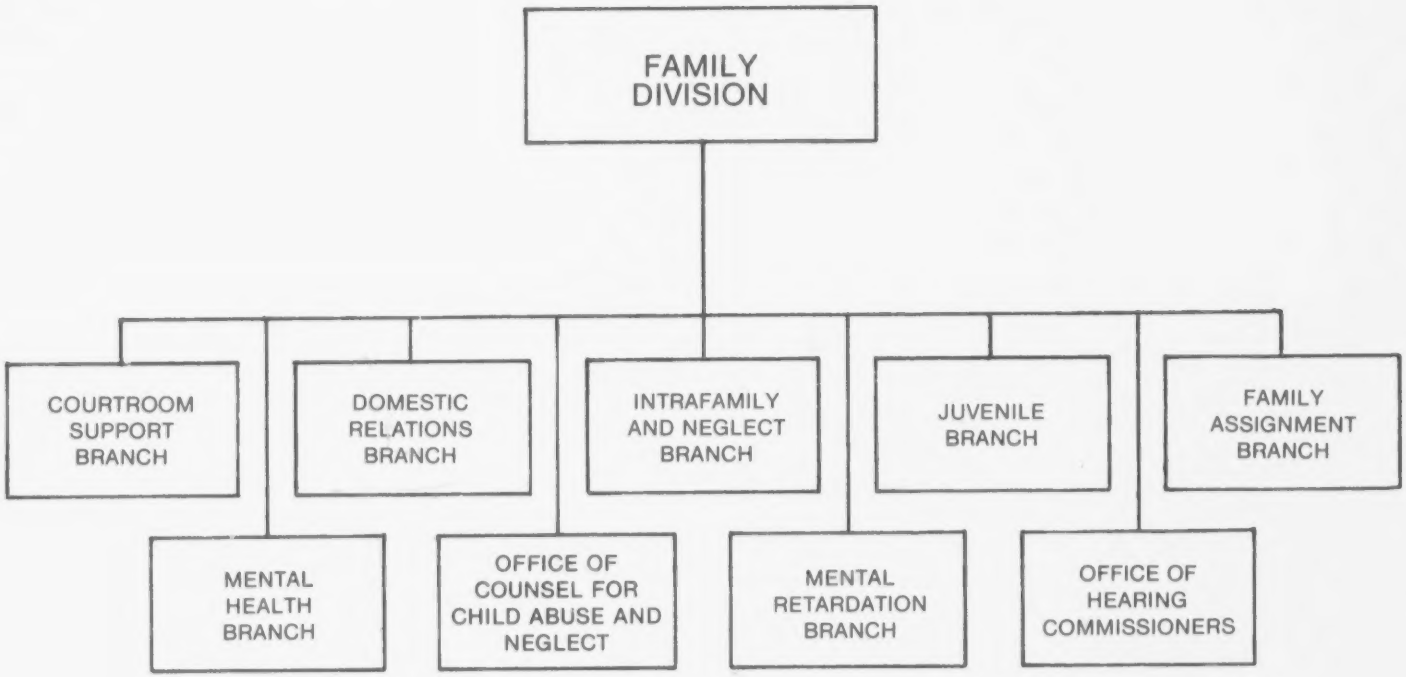
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OFFICE OF COUNSEL FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
MENTAL RETARDATION BRANCH
OFFICE OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS

## TABLE 25
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF JUVENILE CASE ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 2,165 | 1,513 | 1,059 | 982 | 1,393 | 1,342 | 1,049 | 1,067 | 1.7 |
| New Referrals | | | | | | | | | |
| Acts Against Persons | 2,039 | 1,692 | 1,673 | 1,612 | 1,330 | 1,253 | 1,169 | 1,203 | 2.9 |
| Acts Against Property | 3,216 | 2,945 | 3,048 | 2,846 | 2,223 | 2,021 | 1,898 | 1,847 | – 2.7 |
| Acts Against Public Order | 981 | 639 | 791 | 779 | 765 | 698 | 677 | 828 | 22.3 |
| Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) | 590 | 225 | 153 | 140 | 203 | 146 | 80 | 76 | – 5.0 |
| Interstate Compact (ISC) | — | 249 | 217 | 196 | 210 | 205 | 188 | 175 | – 6.9 |
| Total | 6,826 | 5,750 | 5,882 | 5,573 | 4,731 | 4,323 | 4,012 | 4,129 | 2.9 |
| Reinstated | — | — | — | 13 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 50.0 |
| Total to be Disposed | 8,991 | 7,263 | 6,941 | 6,568 | 6,132 | 5,671 | 5,065 | 5,202 | 2.7 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Not Petitioned | 1,044 | 1,722 | 1,768 | 1,449 | 1,486 | 1,341 | 1,188 | 1,207 | 1.6 |
| Committed to SSA | 390 | 428 | 376 | 438 | 404 | 316 | 447 | 385 | – 13.9 |
| Consent Decree | 1,369 | 777 | 752 | 647 | 317 | 396 | 267 | 276 | 3.4 |
| Dismissed[a] | 3,212 | 1,487 | 1,191 | 1,235 | 1,216 | 1,729 | 1,203 | 1,247 | 3.7 |
| Disposed on Another Case | 143 | 208 | 415 | 510 | 460 | — | — | — | — |
| Transferred to Adult Court | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Probation | 584 | 700 | 540 | 611 | 863 | 836 | 852 | 725 | – 14.9 |
| Other[b] | 735 | 882 | 917 | 285 | 44 | 4 | 41 | 122 | 197.6 |
| Total Dispositions | 7,478 | 6,204 | 5,959 | 5,175 | 4,790 | 4,622 | 3,998 | 3,962 | – 0.9 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,513 | 1,059 | 982 | 1,393 | 1,342 | 1,049 | 1,067 | 1,240 | 16.2 |
| Delinquency | 1,452 | 1,033 | 944 | 1,341 | 1,238 | 998 | 996 | 1,179 | 18.4 |
| PINS and ISC | 61 | 26 | 38 | 52 | 104 | 51 | 71 | 61 | – 14.1 |

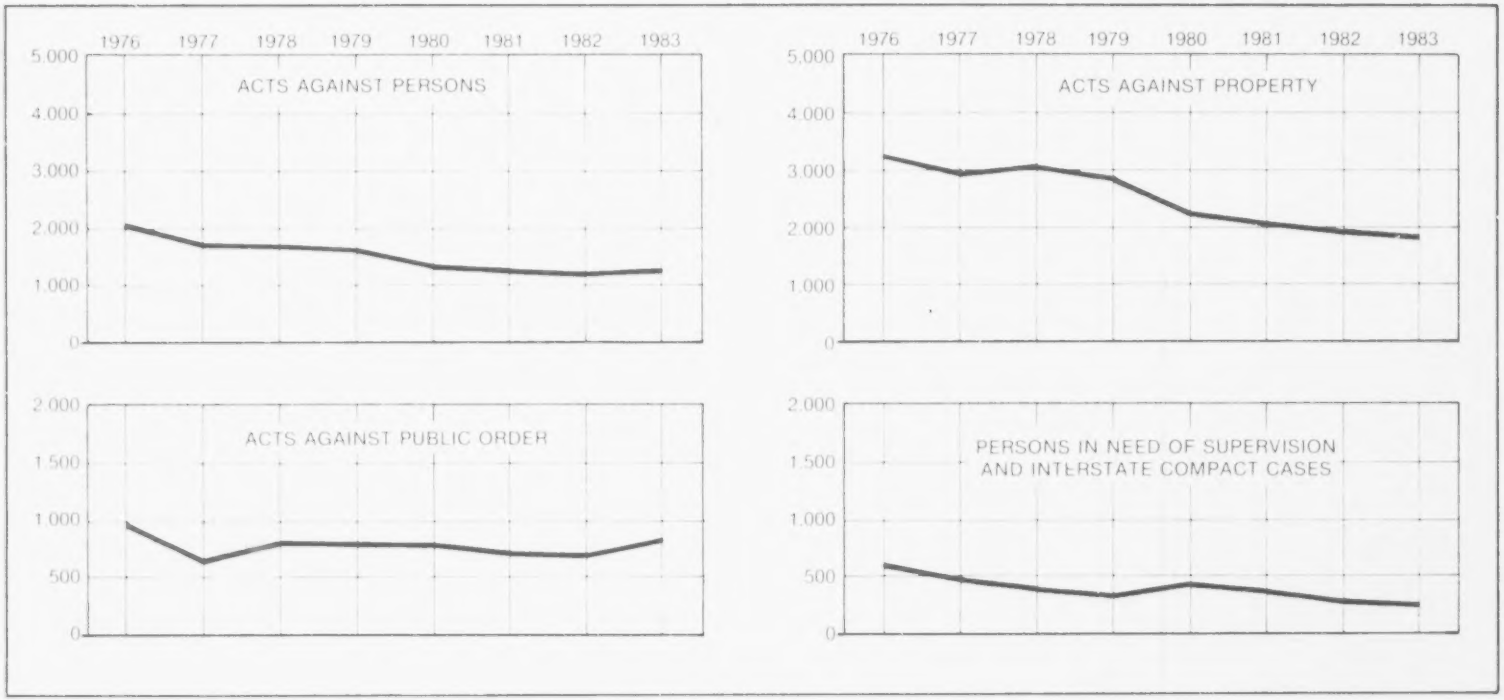
[a] Cases previously closed without a finding are now included as dismissed cases.

[b] Includes suspended commitments.

## TABLE 26
## SUMMARY OF DELINQUENCY AND PINS CASES
## [BY SEX AND REASONS FOR REFERRAL]

| | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | **Total** | **Boys** | **Girls** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1976 | | | 1977 | | | 1978 | | | 1979 | | | 1980 | | | 1981 | | | 1982 | | | **1983** | | |
| Acts Against Persons | 2,039 | 1,815 | 224 | 1,692 | 1,504 | 188 | 1,673 | 1,474 | 199 | 1,612 | 1,452 | 160 | 1,330 | 1,184 | 146 | 1,253 | 1,093 | 160 | 1,169 | 1,052 | 117 | **1,203** | **1,065** | **138** |
| Acts against Property | 3,216 | 2,997 | 219 | 2,945 | 2,666 | 279 | 3,048 | 2,784 | 264 | 2,846 | 2,615 | 231 | 2,223 | 2,010 | 213 | 2,021 | 1,901 | 120 | 1,898 | 1,752 | 146 | **1,847** | **1,744** | **103** |
| Acts Against Public Order | 981 | 805 | 176 | 639 | 522 | 117 | 791 | 668 | 123 | 779 | 653 | 126 | 765 | 675 | 90 | 698 | 602 | 96 | 677 | 544 | 133 | **828** | **701** | **127** |
| PINS and ISC | 590 | 230 | 360 | 474 | 222 | 252 | 370 | 169 | 201 | 336 | 163 | 173 | 413 | 168 | 245 | 351 | 166 | 185 | 268 | 142 | 126 | **251** | **135** | **116** |
| Total | 6,826 | 5,847 | 979 | 5,750 | 4,914 | 836 | 5,882 | 5,095 | 787 | 5,573 | 4,883 | 690 | 4,731 | 4,037 | 694 | 4,323 | 3,762 | 561 | 4,012 | 3,490 | 522 | **4,129** | **3,645** | **484** |
| Ratio of Boys and Girls | | 86% | 14% | | 85% | 15% | | 87% | 13% | | 88% | 12% | | 85% | 15% | | 87% | 13% | | 87% | 13% | | **88%** | **12%** |

## EXHIBIT XVI: TREND OF JUVENILE REFERRALS



# TABLE 27
# JUVENILE REFERRALS [BY AGE]

1983

| | Age | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Under 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 and Over | |
| Acts Against Persons | 6 | 1 | 7 | 24 | 31 | 77 | 128 | 227 | 254 | 448 | 1,203 |
| Assault: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aggravated | 4 | — | 5 | 4 | 10 | 41 | 34 | 70 | 91 | 153 | 412 |
| Simple | 1 | — | — | 1 | 7 | 13 | 36 | 40 | 34 | 65 | 197 |
| Homicide | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Pocket Picking/Purse Snatching | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 5 | 9 | 16 | 37 | 68 |
| Rape | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 4 | 3 | — | 11 |
| Robbery: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armed | 1 | — | 2 | 3 | — | 4 | 8 | 32 | 33 | 35 | 118 |
| Force and Violence | — | 1 | — | 14 | 5 | 14 | 29 | 64 | 60 | 138 | 325 |
| Attempted | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 7 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 29 |
| Other | — | — | — | 2 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 41 |
| Acts Against Property | 8 | 5 | 18 | 19 | 61 | 100 | 239 | 316 | 406 | 675 | 1,847 |
| Burglary I | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 19 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 122 |
| Attempted Burglary I | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 19 |
| Burglary II | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 22 | 65 | 83 | 101 | 158 | 464 |
| Attempted Burglary II | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 17 | 47 |
| Larceny: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 27 | 61 |
| Petit | 1 | — | 8 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 54 | 65 | 62 | 115 | 327 |
| Unauthorized Use of Auto | — | — | — | 5 | 3 | 22 | 53 | 62 | 99 | 203 | 447 |
| Other | 4 | — | 3 | 4 | 17 | 25 | 41 | 54 | 83 | 129 | 360 |
| Acts Against Public Order | 5 | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 42 | 111 | 179 | 473 | 828 |
| Narcotics: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sale/Possession | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 6 | 48 | 79 | 207 | 346 |
| Possession of Marijuana | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 9 | 25 | 116 | 155 |
| Other | 5 | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 31 | 54 | 75 | 150 | 327 |
| PINS | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | 4 | 16 | 29 | 20 | 4 | 76 |
| Beyond Control | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 25 |
| Runaway from Home | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 19 |
| Truancy from School | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 6 | — | 32 |
| Interstate Compact | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 27 | 51 | 70 | 175 |
| Total | 20 | 7 | 26 | 47 | 99 | 199 | 441 | 710 | 910 | 1,670 | 4,129 |

## TABLE 28
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INTRAFAMILY AND NEGLECT ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Intrafamily and Neglect**[a] | | | | | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 713 | 682 | 760 | 1,008 | 1,286 | 266 | 197 | 430 | 118.3 |
| Filed | 1,383 | 1,354 | 1,195 | 1,276 | 1,314 | 1,017 | 1,232 | 1,445 | 17.3 |
| Reactivated Cases | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6,168 | 5,698 | – 7.6 |
| Total to be Disposed | 2,096 | 2,036 | 1,955 | 2,284 | 2,600 | 1,283 | 7,597 | 7,573 | – 0.3 |
| Dispositions[b] | 1,414 | 1,276 | 947 | 998 | 2,334 | 1,086 | 7,167 | 7,346 | 2.5 |
| Pending December 31 | 682 | 760 | 1,008 | 1,286 | 266 | 197 | 430 | 227 | – 47.2 |
| **Intrafamily** | | | | | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 492 | 505 | 595 | 884 | 1,152 | 86 | 60 | 327 | 445.0 |
| Filed | 818 | 815 | 693 | 810 | 724 | 581 | 800 | 975 | 21.9 |
| Reactivated Cases | — | — | — | — | — | — | 128 | 212 | 65.6 |
| Total to be Disposed | 1,310 | 1,320 | 1,288 | 1,694 | 1,876 | 667 | 988 | 1,514 | 53.2 |
| Dispositions | 805 | 725 | 404 | 542 | 1,790[c] | 607 | 661 | 1,439[f] | 117.7 |
| Active Cases Awaiting Disposition | 130 | 119 | 133 | 56 | — | — | 327 | 75 | – 77.1 |
| Inactive Cases | 375 | 476 | 751 | 1,096 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pending December 31 | 505 | 595 | 884 | 1,152 | 86 | 60 | 327 | 75 | – 77.1 |
| **Neglect** | | | | | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 221 | 177 | 165 | 124 | 134 | 180 | 137 | 103 | – 24.8 |
| Filed | | | | | | | | | |
| Abused Child | 142 | 165 | 229 | 180 | 194 | 164 | 149 | 173 | 16.1 |
| Neglected Child[d] | 389 | 368 | 273 | 286 | 395 | 271 | 283 | 297 | 4.9 |
| Other | 34 | 6 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Total | 565 | 539 | 502 | 466 | 590 | 436 | 432 | 470 | 8.8 |
| Reactivated Cases | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6,040 | 5,486 | – 9.2 |
| Total to be Disposed | 786 | 716 | 667 | 590 | 724 | 616 | 6,609 | 6,059 | – 8.3 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Not Petitioned | 82 | 116 | 66 | 38 | 56 | 54 | 27 | 50 | 85.2 |
| Committed | 201 | 173 | 199 | 215 | 255 | 225 | 200 | 191 | – 4.5 |
| Dismissed | 153 | 110 | 103 | 66 | 86 | 87 | 72 | 43 | – 40.3 |
| Protective Supervision | 168 | 147 | 169 | 134 | 145 | 109 | 164 | 136 | – 17.1 |
| Other | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | – 66.7 |
| Reviews | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6,040 | 5,486 | – 9.2 |
| Total | 609 | 551 | 543 | 456 | 544[e] | 479 | 6,506 | 5,907 | – 9.2 |
| Pending December 31 | 177 | 165 | 124 | 134 | 180 | 137 | 103 | 152 | 47.6 |

[a] Beginning with 1982 figures, a differentiation is made between active and inactive cases in Intrafamily and Neglect. In previous years, when reactivated cases were not reported, the Intrafamily pending case load was underrepresented.

[b] Includes reviews held.

[c] Dispositions include 1,122 inactive cases formerly included in the pending balance.

[d] In previous years, neglected children were categorized either as abandoned by parent, homeless, or without parental care.

[e] This figure reflects an adjustment of – 11 cases.

[f] The high degree of activity is due to the administrative closure of 340 cases.

## TABLE 29
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIVE CASE LOAD*

| | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Domestic Relations** | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 2,983 | 3,990 | 33.8 |
| Filed | 8,442 | 8,039 | – 4.8 |
| Reactivated | 2,854 | 4,589 | 60.8 |
| Disposed | 10,289 | 12,823 | 24.6 |
| Pending December 31 | 3,990 | 3,795 | – 4.9 |
| **Divorce** | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 1,391 | 1,435 | 3.2 |
| Filed | 3,309 | 3,051 | – 7.8 |
| Reactivated | 280 | 266 | – 5.0 |
| Disposed | 3,545 | 2,619 | – 26.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,435 | 2,133 | 48.6 |
| **Adoption** | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 327 | 347 | 6.1 |
| Filed | 377 | 345 | – 8.5 |
| Reactivated | — | — | — |
| Disposed | 357 | 371 | 3.9 |
| Pending December 31 | 347 | 321 | – 7.5 |
| **Paternity** | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 609 | 937 | 53.9 |
| Filed | 2,414 | 1,634 | – 32.3 |
| Reactivated | 1,331 | 1,696 | 27.4 |
| Disposed | 3,417 | 4,227 | 23.7 |
| Pending December 31 | 937 | 40 | – 95.7 |
| **Support** | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 98 | 231 | 135.7 |
| Filed | 776 | 488 | – 37.1 |
| Reactivated | 328 | 583 | 77.7 |
| Disposed | 971 | 997 | 2.7 |
| Pending December 31 | 231 | 305 | 32.0 |
| **Reciprocal Support** | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 558 | 1,040 | 86.4 |
| Filed | 1,566 | 2,521 | 61.0 |
| Reactivated | 915 | 2,044 | 123.4 |
| Disposed | 1,999 | 4,609 | 130.6 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,040 | 996 | – 4.2 |

*The Domestic Relations case load includes active cases only. Active cases are cases which are at issue (cases for which an answer was filed) and cases reactivated for a review hearing.

## TABLE 30
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MENTAL HEALTH ACTIONS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trial by Jury | 9 | 10 | 16 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 300.0 |
| Trial by Court | 3 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 18 | 80.0 |
| Miscellaneous Mental Health Cases Filed | 1,576 | 1,572 | 1,537 | 1,532 | 1,546 | 1,475 | 1,359 | 1,513 | 11.3 |
| Hearings Held | 538 | 524 | 582 | 763 | 827 | 745 | 750 | 485 | – 35.3 |
| Judicial Petitions Filed | 760 | 691 | 680 | 877 | 910 | 823 | 708 | 687 | – 3.0 |
| Judicial Petitions Closed | 726 | 726 | 682 | 826 | 906 | 849 | 664 | 722 | 8.7 |
| Judicial Petitions Pending | 104 | 69 | 67 | 118 | 122 | 96 | 140 | 105 | – 25.0 |

## TABLE 31
## MENTAL RETARDATION ACTIVITY

| | 1983 |
|---|---|
| Total Mental Retardation Matters Pending January 1 | 867 |
| Filed | 26 |
| Reactivated | 2,003 |
| Cases Available For Disposition | 2,896 |
| Dispositions | |
| Closed: | |
| Found Not Mentally Retarded | 28 |
| Deceased | 8 |
| Total | 36 |
| Cases Reviewed (Moved to Inactive Case Load) | 2,694 |
| Total Dispositions | 2,730 |
| Pending December 31 | 166 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# PROBATE DIVISION

Carlisle E. Pratt
Presiding Judge

Henry L. Rucker
Register of Wills and
Clerk of the Probate
Division

The Probate Division has the primary responsibility for fiduciary matters in the District of Columbia. Included in this responsibility are the appointment and supervision of: personal representatives for deceased persons; guardians of minors; conservators for adult incompetents; trustees; receivers for absentees and absconders; and, assignees for the benefit of creditors. The Clerk of the Probate Division performs the statutory duties of Register of Wills and is charged with protecting the rights of all persons who may be interested in the administration of a decedent's estate, whether as heirs, beneficiaries under wills, creditors or debtors. In addition, the Register of Wills has the duty of insuring that all disbursements and distributions of assets of the various kinds of estates made are in accordance with the District of Columbia Code and the Superior Court Rules.

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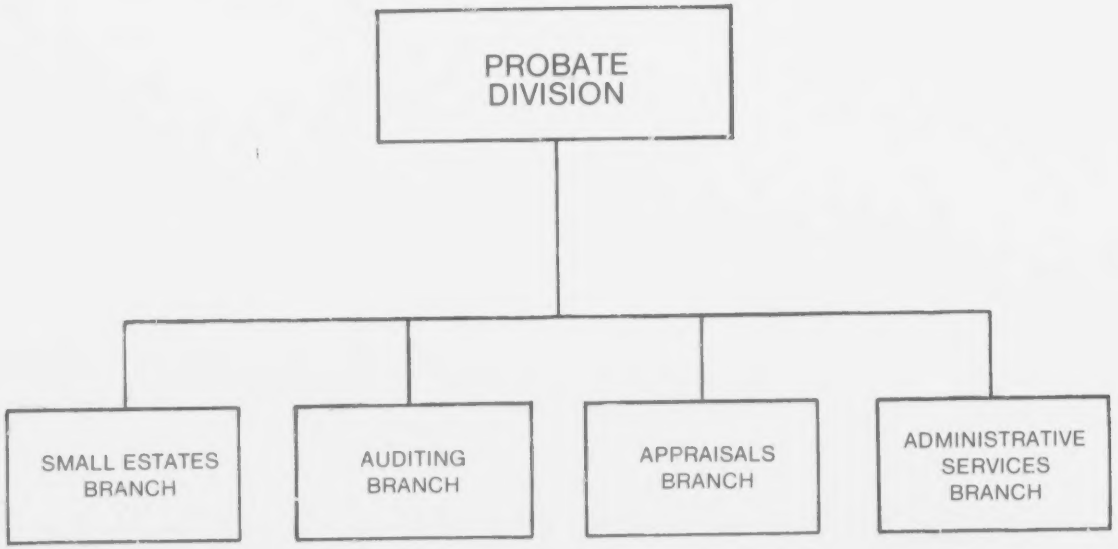
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AUDITING BRANCH
APPRAISALS BRANCH
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BRANCH

## TABLE 32
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PROBATE DIVISION ACTIVITY

| | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL PROBATE** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 3,619 | 4,348 | 5,612 | 6,185 | 10.2 |
| Filed | 2,885[a] | 2,970[a] | 2,849 | 2,829 | – 0.7 |
| Transferred from Auditor-Master | — | 474 | — | — | — |
| Disposed | 2,156 | 2,180 | 2,276 | 2,665 | 17.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 4,348 | 5,612 | 6,185 | 6,349 | 2.7 |
| **Estates of Decedents** | | | | | |
| General Bond | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 1,637 | 2,197 | 2,740 | 3,139 | 14.6 |
| Filed | 1,540 | 1,446 | 1,242 | 1,043 | – 16.0 |
| Disposed | 980 | 903 | 843 | 1,063 | 26.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 2,197 | 2,740 | 3,139 | 3,119 | – 0.6 |
| Special Bond | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Filed | 475 | 202 | 80 | 24 | – 70.0 |
| Disposed | 475 | 202 | 80 | 24 | – 70.0 |
| Pending December 31 | — | — | — | — | — |
| General Bond with Waivers of Inventories and Accounts | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Filed | 40 | 115 | 221 | 434 | 96.4 |
| Disposed | 40 | 115 | 221 | 434 | 96.4 |
| Pending December 31 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Small Estates | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | — | 66 | 145 | 178 | 22.8 |
| Filed | 513 | 816 | 909 | 918 | 1.0 |
| Disposed | 447 | 737 | 876 | 921 | 5.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 66 | 145 | 178 | 175 | – 1.7 |
| **Conservatorships** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 1,155 | 1,254 | 1,902 | 2,044 | 7.5 |
| Filed | 209 | 744[b] | 272 | 305 | 12.1 |
| Disposed | 110 | 96 | 130 | 112 | – 13.8 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,254 | 1,902 | 2,044 | 2,237 | 9.4 |
| **Guardianships** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 827 | 831 | 825 | 824 | - 0.1 |
| Filed | 108 | 121 | 125 | 105 | – 16.0 |
| Disposed | 104 | 127 | 126 | 111 | – 11.9 |
| Pending December 31 | 831 | 825 | 824 | 818 | – 0.7 |

[a] Figures reflect an adjustment of – 303 cases for 1980 and – 816 cases for 1981.

[b] Figure reflects 474 cases transferred from the Auditor-Master.

## SUPERIOR COURT

# TAX DIVISION

Iraline Green Barnes
Presiding Judge

Rosemary Stanfield
Chief Deputy Clerk

The Tax Division is responsible for the disposition of all civil and criminal tax cases in the District of Columbia, with exclusive jurisdiction over: all appeals from and petitions for review of assessments of tax (and civil penalties thereon) made by the City; and, all proceedings brought by the District of Columbia for the imposition of criminal penalties pursuant to the provisions of the statutes relating to taxes levied by or in behalf of the City.

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TABLE 33: Comparative Analysis of Tax Division Activity 82

## TABLE 33
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TAX DIVISION ACTIVITY

| | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Criminal Tax Cases** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 25 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 |
| Filed | 6 | 8 | 5 | — | – 100.0 |
| Reinstated | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total to be Disposed | 31 | 13 | 9 | 4 | – 55.6 |
| Dispositions | | | | | |
| Nolle Prosequi | 8 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Dismissed | — | — | — | — | — |
| Jury Trials | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Court Trials | — | 2 | — | — | — |
| Pleas | 15 | 5 | 5 | 4 | – 20.0 |
| Bench Warrants Issued/Expired | 2 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Total | 26 | 9 | 5 | 4 | – 20.0 |
| Pending December 31 | 5 | 4 | 4 | — | – 100.0 |
| **Civil Tax Cases** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 291 | 433 | 398 | 376 | – 5.5 |
| Filed | 200 | 77 | 94 | 135 | 43.6 |
| Certified from Another Division | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 200.0 |
| Reinstated | 3 | — | — | 4 | — |
| Total to be Disposed | 495 | 511 | 493 | 518 | 5.1 |
| Dispositions | | | | | |
| Dismissed/Withdrawn | 14 | 61 | 45 | 20 | – 55.6 |
| Stipulations for Entry of Decision | 30 | 33 | 59 | 63 | 6.8 |
| Court Trials | 8 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| Motions for Summary Judgment Granted | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 | – 66.7 |
| Judgments | 1 | 9 | 4 | 1 | – 75.0 |
| Other | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 62 | 113 | 117 | 89 | – 23.9 |
| Pending December 31 | 433 | 398 | 376 | 429 | 14.1 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# AUDITOR-MASTER

John W. Follin
Auditor-Master

The Auditor-Master sits as a Master of the Court in civil matters for the conduct of hearings and submission of reports containing findings of fact and conclusions of law. Cases referred to the Auditor-Master may involve various probate matters, stating accounts of removed fiduciaries in probate and civil matters, assignment for benefit of creditors, accountings between parties in business (partnerships as well as corporations), accountings in trust matters, and determination of attorneys' fees and damages in construction suits.


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## TABLE 34
## AUDITOR-MASTER ACTIVITY

| | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 60 | 93 | 55.0 |
| Filed | | | |
| Orders of Reference | 108 | 108 | 0.0 |
| Inventories | 18 | 5 | – 72.2 |
| Other | 4 | 3 | – 25.0 |
| Total | 130 | 116 | – 10.8 |
| Total to be Disposed | 190 | 209 | 10.0 |
| Dispositions | | | |
| Orders of Reference | 81 | 83 | 2.5 |
| Inventories | 12 | 3 | – 75.0 |
| Other | 4 | 3 | – 25.0 |
| Total | 97 | 89 | – 8.2 |
| Pending December 31 | 93 | 120 | 29.0 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Alan M. Schuman
Director

The Social Services Division of the Superior Court, which serves as the probation system for the District of Columbia, is responsible for providing information and recommendations to assist the Court in making individualized decisions in all dispositional phases of the adjudication process. The Division provides court-supervised alternatives to incarceration for adults and juveniles, and offers supportive social services to those persons whose problems bring them within the purview of the Court. The Division, comprised of the Adult, Family, and Special Services Branches, offers specialized programs in the areas of adult and family services.


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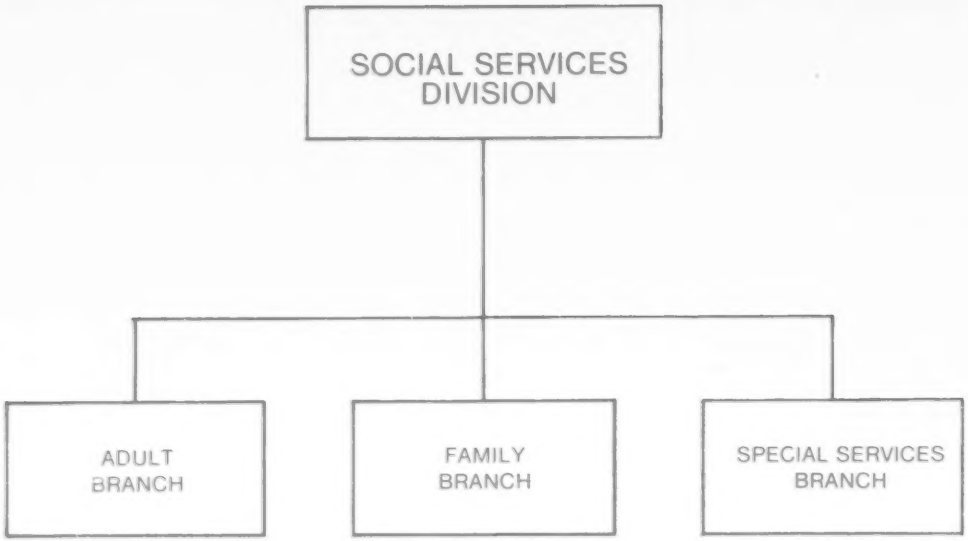
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
ADULT BRANCH
FAMILY BRANCH
SPECIAL SERVICES BRANCH

## TABLE 35
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ADULT PROBATION ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Under Supervision January 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Branch | 4,089 | 4,680[a] | 4,965 | 5,373 | 3,673 | 3,707 | 3,474 | 3,786 | 9.0 |
| Special Projects | — | — | — | 13 | 1,757 | 2,855 | 4,508 | 4,055 | – 10.0 |
| Total | 4,089 | 4,680 | 4,965 | 5,386 | 5,430 | 6,562 | 7,982 | 7,841 | – 1.8 |
| Cases Assigned | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Branch | 3,323 | 3,352 | 4,187 | 3,195 | 3,288 | 3,486 | 4,465 | 5,400 | 20.9 |
| Special Projects | — | — | — | 690 | 1,848 | 3,177 | 2,786 | 3,944 | 41.6 |
| Total | 3,323 | 3,352 | 4,187 | 3,885 | 5,136 | 6,663 | 7,251 | 9,344 | 28.9 |
| Net Transfers | — | — | — | — | 37 | — | — | — | — |
| Cases Removed | | | | | | | | | |
| Expiration | 1,659 | 1,984 | 1,903 | 1,760 | 1,513 | 1,997 | 3,344 | 3,420 | 2.3 |
| Revocation | 296 | 291 | 257 | 355 | 494 | 581 | 805 | 830 | 3.1 |
| Early Termination | 709 | 792 | 1,124 | 1,475 | 1,684 | 2,112 | 2,589 | 2,385 | – 7.9 |
| Placed in Fugitive Status | 485 | — | 495 | 251 | 350 | 553 | 654 | 631 | – 3.5 |
| Total | 3,149 | 3,067 | 3,779 | 3,841 | 4,041 | 5,243 | 7,392 | 7,266 | – 1.7 |
| Cases Under Supervision Dec. 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Branch | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony | 1,690 | 1,941 | 1,809 | 1,465 | 1,315 | 1,112 | 971 | 1,039 | 7.0 |
| Misdemeanor | 2,573 | 3,024 | 3,564 | 2,208 | 2,392 | 2,362 | 2,815 | 3,509 | 24.7 |
| Special Projects | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony | — | — | — | 457 | 591 | 735 | 711 | 861 | 21.1 |
| Misdemeanor | — | — | 13 | 1,300 | 2,264 | 3,773 | 3,344 | 4,510 | 34.9 |
| Total | 4,263 | 4,965 | 5,386 | 5,430 | 6,562 | 7,982 | 7,841 | 9,919 | 26.5 |
| Presentence Investigations | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony | 2,059 | 1,852 | 1,986 | 2,034 | 1,658 | 1,942 | 2,072 | 2,491 | 20.2 |
| Misdemeanor | 2,677 | 3,298 | 3,549 | 3,510 | 5,186 | 5,867 | 7,189 | 5,515 | – 23.3 |
| Total | 4,736 | 5,150 | 5,535 | 5,544 | 6,844 | 7,809 | 9,261 | 8,006 | – 13.6 |
| Average Monthly Case Load | 4,001 | 4,755 | 4,912 | 5,497 | 5,945 | 7,354 | 7,984 | 9,035 | 13.2 |
| Average Number of Probation Officer Positions[b] | 64 | 73 | 75 | 75 | 76 | 78 | 91[c] | 94[d] | 3.3 |

[a] Figure was adjusted to reflect incorporation of the Outreach Project case load.

[b] Figure for 1976 is based on authorized probation officer positions. However, succeeding years reflect actual probation officer positions filled.

[c] Includes 15 probation officer positions assigned to Special Projects.

[d] Includes 19 probation officer positions assigned to Special Projects.

## TABLE 36
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INTRAFAMILY, ABUSE, AND CHILD SUPPORT ACTIVITY[a]

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Under Supervision January 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 585 | 146 | 96 | 21 | 42 | 51 | 39 | 46 | 17.9 |
| Abuse | 153 | 200 | 196 | 214 | 167 | 124 | 122 | 139 | 13.9 |
| Child Support | 1,572 | 1,614 | 1,423 | 1,059 | 972 | 1,073 | 1,015 | 979 | – 3.5 |
| Total | 2,310 | 1,960 | 1,715 | 1,294 | 1,181 | 1,248 | 1,176 | 1,164 | – 1.0 |
| Cases Assigned | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 2,778 | 92 | 33 | 48 | 71 | 57 | 47 | 38 | – 19.1 |
| Abuse | 150 | 140 | 164 | 81 | 90 | 60 | 78 | 116 | 48.7 |
| Child Support | 93 | 89 | 54 | 143 | 233 | 94 | 73 | 7 | – 90.4 |
| Total | 3,021 | 321 | 251 | 272 | 394 | 211 | 198 | 161 | – 18.7 |
| Cases Removed | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 2,819 | 142 | 108 | 27 | 62 | 69 | 40 | 48 | 20.0 |
| Abuse | 187 | 144 | 146 | 128 | 133 | 62 | 61 | 68 | 11.5 |
| Child Support | 190 | 280 | 418 | 230 | 132 | 152 | 109 | 986 | 804.6 |
| Total | 3,196 | 566 | 672 | 385 | 327 | 283 | 210 | 1,102 | 424.8 |
| Cases Under Supervision Dec. 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 544 | 96 | 21 | 42 | 51 | 39 | 46 | 36 | – 21.7 |
| Abuse | 116 | 196 | 214 | 167 | 124 | 122 | 139 | 187 | 34.5 |
| Child Support | 1,475 | 1,423 | 1,059 | 972 | 1,073 | 1,015 | 979 | — | – 100.0 |
| Total | 2,135[b] | 1,715 | 1,294 | 1,181 | 1,248 | 1,176 | 1,164 | 223 | – 80.8 |
| Average Monthly Case Load | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 565 | 102 | 51 | 28 | 64 | 45 | 41 | 40 | – 2.4 |
| Abuse | 135 | 197 | 199 | 186 | 138 | 113 | 129 | 165 | 27.9 |
| Child Support | 1,524 | 1,516 | 1,186 | 1,028 | 1,002 | 1,033 | 1,014 | 577 | – 43.1 |
| Total | 2,224 | 1,815 | 1,436 | 1,242 | 1,204 | 1,191 | 1,184 | 782 | – 34.0 |
| Social Investigations Completed | 529 | 370 | 332 | 248 | 219 | 179 | 163 | 224 | 37.4 |
| Average Number of Probation Officer Positions[c] | 29 | 28 | 26 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 8.3 |

[a] In 1976-77, the Social Services Division handled the supervision of abuse and neglect cases; therefore, case totals in abuse columns for those years include both abuse and neglect cases. In subsequent years, the Court no longer handled the supervision of neglect cases pursuant to the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977. Hence, totals reflect only abuse cases.

[b] Adjustment is explained in *1979 Annual Report*.

[c] Figure for 1976 is based on authorized probation officer positions. However, succeeding years reflect actual probation officer positions filled.

## TABLE 37
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF JUVENILE PROBATION ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Under Supervision January 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Consent Decree | 600 | 657 | 360 | 494 | 208 | 144 | 186 | 124 | – 33.3 |
| Probation | 606 | 698 | 732 | 613 | 564 | 725 | 769 | 595 | – 22.6 |
| Suspended Commitment | 233 | 346 | 329 | 383 | 304 | 72 | 2 | — | – 100.0 |
| Special Projects | — | — | — | — | 53 | 78 | 36 | 72 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1,439 | 1,701[a] | 1,421 | 1,490 | 1,129 | 1,019 | 993 | 791 | – 20.3 |
| Cases Assigned | | | | | | | | | |
| Consent Decree | 1,221 | 838 | 764 | 708 | 310 | 339 | 213 | 204 | – 4.2 |
| Probation | 736 | 930 | 686 | 776 | 906 | 843 | 538 | 459 | – 14.7 |
| Suspended Commitment | 244 | 290 | 344 | 280 | 27 | — | — | — | — |
| Special Projects | — | — | — | 34 | 234 | 82 | 132 | 90 | – 31.8 |
| Total | 2,201 | 2,058 | 1,794 | 1,798 | 1,477 | 1,264 | 883 | 752 | – 14.7 |
| Cases Removed | | | | | | | | | |
| Expiration | 1,817 | 1,821 | 1,198 | 1,089 | 780 | 702 | 696 | 430 | – 38.2 |
| Revocation | 103 | 182 | 160 | 85 | 61 | 63 | 37 | 66 | 78.4 |
| Early Termination | 233 | 335 | 210 | 204 | 444 | 401 | 256 | 234 | – 8.6 |
| Special Projects | — | — | — | 14 | 209 | 124 | 96 | 91 | – 5.2 |
| Other | — | — | 157 | 767 | 93 | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 2,153 | 2,338 | 1,725 | 2,159 | 1,587 | 1,290 | 1,085 | 821 | – 24.3 |
| Cases Under Supervision Dec. 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Consent Decree | 581 | 360 | 494 | 208 | 144 | 186 | 124 | 134 | 8.1 |
| Probation | 614 | 732 | 613 | 564 | 725 | 769 | 595 | 518 | – 12.9 |
| Suspended Commitment | 292 | 329 | 383 | 304 | 72 | 2 | — | — | — |
| Special Projects | — | — | — | 53 | 78 | 36 | 72 | 71 | – 1.4 |
| Total | 1,487 | 1,421 | 1,490 | 1,129 | 1,019 | 993 | 791 | 723 | – 8.6 |
| Social Reports Completed | 2,867 | 2,974 | 3,802 | 4,311 | 3,488 | 3,349 | 2,960 | 2,681 | – 9.4 |
| Avg. Monthly Supervision Case Load | 1,471 | 1,604 | 1,359 | 1,075 | 1,045 | 990 | 829 | 767 | – 7.5 |
| Intake Cases | 4,368 | 4,136 | 4,058 | 3,906 | 3,256 | 3,026 | 3,940 | 4,141 | 5.1 |
| Average Number of Probation Officer Positions[b] | 47 | 49 | 49 | 48 | 48 | 53 | 44 | 41[c] | – 6.8 |

[a] Figure was adjusted to reflect incorporation of the Outreach Project case load.

[b] Figure for 1976 is based on authorized probation officer positions. However, succeeding years reflect actual probation officer positions filled.

[c] Includes 6 probation officer positions assigned to Special Projects.

## TABLE 38
## ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL PROJECTS ACTIVITY

1983

| | Pending Case Load January 1 | Cases Assigned | Cases Removed | Case Load December 31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minimum Supervision | 2,095 | 5,032 | 2,277 | 4,850 |
| Traffic Alcohol Program | 1,416 | 2,012 | 2,963 | 465 |
| Community Services | 486 | 477 | 907 | 56 |
| Special Projects (Adult) | 3 | — | 3 | — |
| Restitution/Fine Program | 55 | 4 | 59 | — |
| Community Services Diversion | 325 | 1,373 | 1,279 | 419 |
| Monitored Cases | 9 | 36 | 36 | 9 |
| Juvenile Restitution | 72 | 71 | 143 | — |
| Total | 4,461 | 9,005[a] | 7,667 | 5,799 |

[a] This figure includes 5,323 new cases and 3,564 intradivisional transfers.

## TABLE 39
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF NEW CASES ASSIGNED[a]

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adult Probation Services | 3,323 | 3,352 | 4,187 | 3,885 | 5,136 | 6,669 | 7,251 | 9,344 | 28.9 |
| Family Services[b] | 5,222 | 2,379 | 2,045 | 2,070 | 1,871 | 1,506 | 1,081 | 914 | – 15.4 |
| Crossroads Diversion | 483 | 671 | 714 | 1,368 | 934 | 1,244 | 67 | — | – 100.0 |
| Community Services Diversion | — | — | — | — | — | 535 | 1,164 | 1,373 | 18.0 |
| Monitored Cases | — | — | — | — | — | — | 103 | 36 | – 65.0 |
| Total | 9,028 | 6,402 | 6,946 | 7,323 | 7,941 | 9,954 | 9,666 | 11,667 | 20.7 |

[a] Interoffice transfers are not included.

[b] Cases reported for Family Services were assigned to Intrafamily Probation Services and Juvenile Probation Services prior to 1981.

## SUPERIOR COURT

# MARRIAGE BUREAU

Robert T. Nash
Chief Deputy Clerk

In addition to the authority to celebrate the rites of civil marriages, the responsibilities of the Marriage Bureau encompass a broad range of duties including: the receipt and approval of the applications for and the issuance of marriage licenses in the District of Columbia; the filing, docketing and custody of marriage records; the issuance of certified copies of marriage licenses; the receipt and approval of applications from ministers and other persons for authority to perform marriages in the District of Columbia; the collection of fees and maintenance of accounts in connection with marriage licenses, search of records and applications for authority to perform marriage ceremonies; and, the answering of inquiries over the counter, by telephone, and by correspondence concerning Bureau policies.

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## TABLE 40
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MARRIAGE BUREAU ACTIVITY

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | **1983** | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minister Licenses Issued | 385 | 386 | 421 | 389 | 460 | 439 | 443 | **373** | – 15.8 |
| Marriage Applications Received | 4,900 | 4,923 | 4,931 | 5,223 | 5,442 | 5,621 | 5,867 | **5,803** | – 1.1 |
| Marriage Licenses Issued | 4,676 | 4,787 | 4,807 | 5,068 | 5,320 | 5,485 | 5,693 | **5,611** | – 1.4 |
| Religious Ceremonies Performed | 4,103 | 4,105 | 4,061 | 4,111 | 4,321 | 4,450 | 4,469 | **4,350** | – 2.7 |
| Civil Ceremonies Performed | 508 | 534 | 563 | 765 | 871 | 887 | 1,103 | **1,106** | 0.3 |

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## COURT SYSTEM

# COURT REPORTER DIVISION

Shirley S. Corley
Director

The Court Reporter Division is responsible for the making of a verbatim record of the proceedings of the various trial courts in the Superior Court, timely production of transcripts for filing in the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court, and the timely preparation of transcripts ordered by attorneys and litigants.


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## TABLE 41
## COMPARATIVE REPORT OF TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION FROM AUDIO TAPES

| Production/Staffing | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | **1983** | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pages Produced by Court Transcriber-Typists | | | | | | | | | |
| Appeal Cases | 763 | 321 | 284 | 759 | 1,033 | 440 | 633 | **1,657** | 161.8 |
| Non-Appeal Cases | 1,202 | 1,185 | 1,675 | 3,451 | 2,314 | 1,394 | 828 | **5,608** | 577.3 |
| Mental Health Transcripts | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | **542** | — |
| Judge-Ordered Transcripts | 506 | 181 | 218 | 443 | 281 | 74 | 81 | **219** | 170.4 |
| Total | 2,471 | 1,687 | 2,177 | 4,653 | 3,628 | 1,908 | 1,542 | **8,026** | 420.5 |
| Pages Produced by Transcription Services | | | | | | | | | |
| Appeal Cases | 1,486 | 256 | 563 | 2,663 | 2,496 | 2,833 | 2,697 | **1,561** | – 42.1 |
| Non-Appeal Cases | 1,010 | 1,019 | 2,408 | 3,686 | 7,988 | 19,370 | 13,622 | **11,472** | – 15.8 |
| Total | 2,496 | 1,275 | 2,971 | 6,349 | 10,484 | 22,203 | 16,319 | **13,033** | – 20.1 |
| Total | 4,967 | 2,962 | 5,148 | 11,002 | 14,112 | 24,111 | 17,861 | **21,059** | 17.9 |
| Number of Cases Pending Transcription December 31 | 40 | 19 | 73 | 15 | 41 | 36 | 21 | **36** | 71.4 |
| Number of Transcriber-Typist Positions Authorized December 31 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | **3** | 50.0 |
| Number of Courtrooms Supported by Central Recording Equipment | 9 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 21 | 32 | **43** | 65.4 |

## TABLE 42
## COMPARATIVE REPORT OF TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION BY COURT REPORTERS

| Production/Staffing | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | **1983** | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Pages Produced | 219,667 | 204,578 | 199,791 | 243,481 | 261,317 | 297,424 | 278,239 | **319,461** | 14.8 |
| Number of Pages Produced for Appeals | 127,873 | 126,092 | 123,505 | 152,240 | 159,544 | 195,091 | 175,585 | **194,572** | 10.8 |
| Number of Pages Produced for Judges | 3,350 | 4,377 | 4,443 | 3,976 | 2,226 | 2,058 | 2,141 | **1,257** | – 41.3 |
| Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced | 58.2 | 61.6 | 61.8 | 62.5 | 61.5 | 65.5 | 63.1 | **60.9** | – 3.5 |
| Number of Appeal Orders Processed | 1,006 | 1,104 | 1,019 | 1,149 | 1,172 | 1,393 | 1,261 | **1,323** | 4.9 |
| Number of Court Reporters on Staff December 31 | 40 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 38 | 42 | **40** | – 4.8 |

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

James F. Lynch
Deputy Executive Officer

Cassandra D. Penn
Training Officer

**Executive Office.** The "District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970" assigns responsibility for the administrative management of the District of Columbia Court System to the Executive Officer, and accordingly, the Executive Office Staff. In keeping with the policies of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, and in conjunction with the respective Chief Judges, this office oversees the administration of the Courts, and serves as the primary provider of services for the Court System as a whole.

Donald F. Peyton
Administrative Officer

**Administrative Division.** The Administrative Division is a support unit which is responsible for the following operations on a courtwide basis: property control, procurement, space management, reproduction services, communications management, messenger service, and reception and information service.

Valentine M. Cawood
Attorney Advisor

**Attorney Advisors.** The Attorney Advisors perform a broad spectrum of advisory legal functions, including the review of pending legislation, legal research and the preparation of memoranda of law. In addition, this staff serves as legal advisor to the Superior Court's Rules Committee, the various Divisional Advisory Committees and the Board of Judges on all matters concerning revision of the Superior Court's rules. The staff also operates the Superior Court's "Inmate Civil Assistance Project," under which prisoners are assisted in filing, defending and pursuing civil actions in the Superior Court.

Lee J. M. Barthlow
Deputy Clerk

**Central Recording Unit.** The primary responsibility of the Central Recording Unit is the operation and maintenance of the 8-track central recording system which services a number of trial and statutory courtrooms. This staff also serves as general electronic specialists for the Court and operates and maintains the video equipment.

Philip S. Braxton
Computer Systems
Administrator

**Data Processing Division.** The Data Processing Division of the Superior Court provides automated information to the operating divisions of the Superior Court in such critical areas as Civil, Criminal, Family and Social Services related matters. A "Long-Range Data Processing Plan," which outlines steps leading to an integrated courtwide Management Information System, has been developed. Utilizing modern hardware and the latest software technologies, this integrated data system will provide Court managers with information crucial to daily operations, as well as the policy-making process.

Alfred E. Berling
Fiscal Officer

**Financial Operations Division.** The Financial Operations Division is comprised of three branches: Internal Audit, Budget and Accounting, and Financial Revenue. The Internal Audit Branch performs internal audits of all the accounts of the court, as related to monies collected and deposited in the Registry of the Court, grants, appropriations, and Criminal Justice Act funds. The Budget and Accounting Branch is responsible for the annual preparation of the budget as well as maintaining accounting records for disbursement of general appropriations, witness and jury fee monies, and Criminal Justice Act Funds. The Financial Revenue Branch oversees the collection of all fees, costs and payments, and the deposit of monies into the Registry of the Court.

George L. Wright
Director

**Personnel Division.** The Personnel Division administers personnel policies and procedures promulgated by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and Chief Judges of the respective Courts, thereby ensuring that policies are fairly and equitably applied to all employees. This Division is also responsible for providing employment counseling, managing employee-employer relations and furnishing personnel services related to recruitment, career planning, health benefits and retirement plans.

Linda J. Finkelstein
Director

**Research, Evaluation and Special Projects Division.** The Research, Evaluation and Special Projects Division encompasses four major areas of responsibility: special projects, statistical as well as general reporting and analysis, legislative review and assessments, and forms management. The Division assesses the impact which legislation pending before the City Council could have upon the court and administers a courtwide Forms Management Program.